Government and Community Relations

Create and maintain sound relationships with federal, state and local officials, and community organizations and programs

449  Create open dialogue with elected officials and members of the Northern Kentucky community regarding university priorities, activities, and decisions

2014-15 Progress Narrative

Continued Progress – Met with all Northern Kentucky Delegation, gubernatorial candidate Bevins, all local organizations, Kentucky Chamber, Prichard Committee, and sent information to Candidate Jack Conway concerning outcomes based funding.

449.01  Host student & NKU leadership/surrounding city official meetings to build dialogue and understanding

Continued Progress – Students have been actively engaged in multiple community events.

449.02  Host Northern Kentucky Caucus meetings, and encourage student/NKU leadership participation in other events and activities where officials are visiting, presenting or involved in dialogue regarding postsecondary education

Continued Progress – Meetings held with all Northern Kentucky legislators one on one, hosted group meeting earlier this year. Also keep them all apprised of activities and provided opportunity for them to provide input.

450  Provide services and information to external audiences that help them serve their constituents

2014-15 Progress Narrative

Managed effective engagement of more than 15 NKU Centers and programs (Virtual Business Center). Also held the first showcase of these efforts.

450.01  NKU Virtual Business Center member facilitation and coordination, maximizing economic and business development related resources for communities

As above

450.02  Provide knowledge of Health Innovations findings to community leaders and organizations to fuel the health of our community, and promote partnerships with external partners

Developed a 40 member action team for input and support.
Meet regularly with elected officials and neighbors and attend events on behalf of the university.

2014-15 Progress Narrative

Continued Progress – Maintained contact and accessible with public leaders.

451.01 Work with surrounding city mayors and set regular update/dialogue meetings

Completed and will continue.

451.02 Maintain relations with Chamber, CBC, United Way, SouthBank, Tri-ED, Municipal Government League of NKY, Superintendents, Education Council, Vision 2015, UpTech and others as appropriate

Continue to participate with all of these organizations.

Protect and advocate for university interests and Kentucky’s postsecondary education goals

452 Represent the university during legislative sessions and advance university priorities and projects to legislative bodies

2014-15 Progress Narrative

All NKU major issues during session resulted in a positive outcome.

452.01 Manage strategic Road to NKU visits throughout the Commonwealth and specifically engage General Assembly Leadership/CPE Board Members/Community & Business leaders in Outcomes Based Funding need

Extremely successful visits throughout the Commonwealth including engaging leaders and students.

452.02 Promote outcomes based funding model to key leadership on education, A&R, and state government committees

Numerous presentations and meetings, overwhelming support from community and legislative leaders.

453 Collaborate with Kentucky’s other universities and community college government relations liaisons to advocate for effective higher education legislation and policy, and advance our collective postsecondary education priorities where they intersect

2014-15 Progress Narrative

Worked with all institutional liaisons advocating to the General Assembly and provided leadership to the group.
453.01 Track and maintain awareness of General Assembly legislation during sessions, and actions during interim, providing reports to leadership for review and position development

Continued positive progress.

454 Promote public funding opportunities to university colleges, departments and programs, and advance funding proposals to government and community funding sources

2014-15 Progress Narrative
Assisted in all programs and departments with grants, advocacy on issues, etc. Chief among them was securing Governor’s Scholars and United Health grant.

454.01 Track on state and federal funding opportunities and share with the appropriate university colleges, programs or departments
Continually track and provide assistance on federal issues.

Seek out and create meaningful community engagement opportunities for university faculty, staff, and students that supports community growth

455 Through collaboration with the Office of the Provost, involve university faculty/staff in determining their engagement, volunteerism skillsets, interests and priorities

2014-15 Progress Narrative
Provided complete strategy to Provost and waiting for direction.

455.01 NKU Virtual Business Center member facilitation and coordination, maximizing economic and business development related resources for communities
Held successful, first ever, showcase of these 15 programs.

455.02 Work with Provost to develop a management structure for meaningful engagement
Provided complete strategy recommendation.

455.03 Work with Provost to identify 3 to 5 core, focused community engagement centers of activity that will have capacity built and promoted extensively to external audiences
Provided complete strategy to Provost.

455.04 Work with Provost to develop an awareness, vetting and tracking system for community engagements
Provided complete strategy to Provost.
Create and strengthen community engagement programming that aligns the interests and engagement priorities of the university with those of neighboring communities and entities

2014-15 Progress Narrative

Very positive relations.

456.01 Work with Student Affairs to develop Highland Heights and other surrounding city engagements for students
Students continually and actively engaged.

456.02 Work with VP of administration and athletics/student recreation to maintain positive city engagement, understanding and support.
Provided quick feedback and responses on all issues.

Pursue funding opportunities to support and build upon community engagement programming

2014-15 Progress Narrative

Continually pursue funding for this area.

457.01 Promote proposals for priority community engagement priorities, and seek funding opportunities from state and federal agencies
Continue to do this work.