

Pratt School of Information

Operational Action Plan 25/26

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Recommended by the SI Faculty Council and approved by the SI Dean on September 5, 2025.

Overview

In January 2025, the Faculty Council adopted a [new set of goals for the School](#), and in February 2025 a set of indicators and targets that could be used to measure the extent to which the goals were being met. The purpose of the Annual Assessment Report is to assess the extent to which the School's goals are being met and identify opportunities for improvement. This evaluative work informs the Operational Action Plan for the 2025/2026 academic year which aims to drive improvement to the programs and school through ensuring that schools goals are addressed.

Action Plan

While all tasks are expected to be completed during the 25/26 academic year, priority flags are assigned such that should unforeseen events occur and plans are disrupted, tasks with “High” priority should take precedence over tasks with lower priority.

Key: Action Item is complete / Action Item is in-progress / Action Item is canceled / Action Item moved to plan for next academic year

Initiative	In response to indicator	Task	Who Responsible In order of most responsible to least	Expected Delivery	Priority	Actual Delivery / Outcome / Update
Curriculum Initiative <i>Major Impact:</i> Goal #1 and 2	<i>1.2 Percent of courses and major curricular components (e.g., degrees, certificates, concentrations, student-learning outcomes) have been reviewed for quality in the past six years.</i> Target: 100% Actual: 100%	1) Review courses last reviewed in 2019: INFO-609 Introduction to Spatial Thinking and GIS INFO-614 Interactive Web Mapping & Coding INFO-615 Spatial Statistics for GIS INFO-647-Visual Resources Management INFO-670-Linked Open Data for	Chair of School Curriculum Committee, School Curriculum Committee, Dean	May 2026	Medium	Complete.

		Libraries Archives and Museums See Curriculum Tracking sheet for review years.				
		2) Complete review of Advanced Certificate in DH, which review was begun last academic year. Review Adv. Cert. in UX and Adv. Cert in Archives per Program Review Schedule	Curriculum Committee, Dean, Decker (DH), Calado (DH), Carbone (Archives), Lopatovska (UX)	May 2025	High	Completed review and revision of Adv. Cert in Archives, Adv. Cert in UX and Adv. Cert in DH.
	<i>10.1 Percent of sections have an average rating of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) on student course evaluations for the following questions: "The course increased my understanding of environmental sustainability."</i> Target: 85% Actual: 77.07%* Note there was 396 selections of "Not Applicable" in the course evaluation.	3) Develop a plan to better address School Goal #10 and its respective indicators . Plan ought to address sustainability in the curriculum and teaching.	Dean, Faculty Council, Curriculum Committee	May 2026	Medium	In progress. Sustainability task force assembled with Prof. Nancy Smith as chair. Further work needed to develop a plan to fully address goal #10 next AY.

	12.13 A two-year course planning schedule is available to current students Target: Yes Actual: Yes	4) As the 2-year course-plan is ending (Spring 2026), create 2026-2028 plan.	Dean, Faculty Council	December 2025	High	Completed Oct. 2025.
Teaching Initiative Major Impact: Goal #3	1.9 Percent of sections are taught by full-time faculty Target: >50% Actual: 44.85%	5) Hire replacement for faculty line occupied by Lee as well as line occupied by a retiring faculty member. Develop areas of need/job ad.	2x Faculty Search Committees, Dean	May 2026	High	Complete. Hired Jessie Mae Maione based on previous year search, and Craig Fahner.
	1.7 Percent of responses have an average rating of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) on course evaluations for the following questions: "The content of the course was consistent with the syllabus"; "This course improved my understanding of the subject matter"; "I would recommend this course to another student"; 3.3 Percent of responses have an average rating of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) on course evaluations for the following questions: "The instructor presented the subject	6) Targeted interventions to improve teaching.	Dean, Assistant Dean	May 2026	High	Complete.
		7) Continue to invest in the new faculty onboarding workshop (begun in Spring '25) to onboard new FT and PT faculty. Work on supporting materials for faculty, especially first semester faculty, including identifying relevant resources that can be deployed (books, CTL workshops, etc.). Explore more structured support for 1st year faculty, such as check-ins, shadowing, sharing	Dean, Assistant Dean, C&T Leads as appropriate to hired group	December 2025	High	In progress. Onboarding for fall '25 new FT and PT faculty completed in July, 2025 and Dec. 2025. Further work is still needed in next AY.

	<i>matter clearly”; “The instructor utilized class time well”; “The instructor promoted a constructive classroom climate”; “I would recommend this instructor to another student”</i> Target: 100% (7x) Actual: 96%, 92%, 81%, 92%, 88%, 96%, 91%	teaching materials through repositories, faculty coaches, other initiatives at Pratt (Heather Lewis’ recent initiative). Aim to improve retention of PT faculty.				
Forward-looking Initiative Major Impact: Goal #1	<i>1.11 The School has a long-term, strategic plan.</i> Target: Yes Actual: Yes	8) Update the SI Strategic Plan 2026-2030 to bring into alignment with Institute-wide Strategic Planning Efforts	Dean, Faculty Council	May 2026	Medium	Complete.
		9) Implement action items for AY25/26 from 2025-2030 Strategic Plan	Dean, Faculty Council, others as relevant	June 2026	High	Complete.
Faculty Support Initiative Major Impact: Goal #7	<i>7.6 Percent of full-time faculty feel they receive sufficient support and guidance from School leadership</i> Target: 100% Actual: 78%	10) Provide reminder to faculty that if they need support or guidance to please reach out to School leadership, and/or for pretenure faculty to bring up issues in need of support or guidance at annual meeting.	Dean	May 2026	Medium	Complete. Reminder given at December Faculty Council meeting.
		11) PRC will add questions to summer PRC survey to try to get more specifics on where the lack of support is (e.g., teaching, research, etc.)	PRC	Summer 2026	Medium	Complete. PRC to implement in summer ‘26.

Policies Initiative <i>Major Impact: Goal #12</i>	12.6 100% of School-level policies and guidelines, including fiscal policies, have been reviewed by the Faculty Council in the past five years Target: 100% Actual: 100%	12) The “Part-time Faculty Hiring Administrative Guidelines” was last reviewed in 2019, and thus needs to be reviewed (see Policies portal).	Dean, Faculty Council	December 2025	Medium	Completed at December Faculty Council meeting.
MDC Initiative	1.6 Percent of graduates agree/strongly agree that “course offerings aligned well with my professional goals” Target: 85% Actual (MDC): 66.67% 2.5 Percent of graduates and alumni agree/strongly agree that the School of Information offered a quality program that prepared me to work in my chosen profession. Target: 85% Actual (MDC): 83.33%	13) Complete activities from Strategic Plan Action Item #24 around MDC. Look more closely at graduating student survey from 1-2 students who were not completely satisfied with the program, and look for solutions for issues brought forward.	Dean, MDC C&T Lead	May 2026	High	Complete. Plan developed and presented at Faculty Council on March 26, 2026.
Graduation Initiative <i>Major Impact: Goal #2</i>	2.1 Percent of students (on track to graduate) pass their program’s graduation requirement Target: 100% Actual (DAV): 91.6% Actual (IXD): 95.7%	14) Investigate the students who did not complete the portfolio and work toward them completing their degrees.	Dean, Assistant Dean	December 2025	High	Complete. 3 students identified. 1 still needs to complete final course. 2 have been contacted by Dean in Sept. Follow ups to 2 happened in March. 2 IXD students still have not successfully completed their portfolios.