**OSU Interview**

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
Creatively expand our support for students**

* A recent National Academies study (1) found that “graduate students are more stressed and in ways that are qualitatively different from those of previous generations” and recommended that universities become more graduate student-serving by, among other things, ensuring they receive mentoring to understand their career options and promote their future success. A recent survey of OSU graduate students ascribed their main sources of anxiety to uncertainty regarding financial support, a desire for a stronger community and inadequate mentoring systems.
  + Basic Needs Center
* Graduate Writing Center, Statistics Consulting, Counseling and Psychological Services; events like Grad Welcome Week, Grad Inspire, and Grad Appreciation Week; career development opportunities like Aurora and the Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching, and more.
  + Career Development Center
* Aim: Improve mentoring, inclusion, and self-care to promote academic success.
  + Advance effective mentorship
  + Promote a culture of wellness and inclusion
  + Build financial support

**Strengthen core competencies and transferrable skills**

* Aim: Create and market a portfolio of learning opportunities to boost transferrable skills to enrich our graduates' lives and increase their employability.
  + Determine key transferrable skills
    - Identify the most important categories of skills that our graduate students will need in the workplace.
  + Inventory and communication
    - Create and distribute an inventory of existing offerings and training that develop the key transferrable skills.
  + Pursue value-enhancing investments
    - Identify gaps and determine which would be most cost-effective to fill, offering the greatest benefit in creating the "whole" student.
  + Teach diversity and inclusion

**Promote interdisciplinary opportunities**

* It is sometimes said, “universities have departments, but the world has problems.” Programs like robotics and water resources
* AIM: Strengthen our current interdisciplinary efforts and strategically target the growth of interdisciplinary opportunities.

**Innovate how we reach and serve**

* Aim: Expand for-credit learning opportunities, building on OSU’s academic strengths and its award-winning Ecampus platform.
  + Immediately pursue expanded Ecampus offerings
  + Beyond degrees
  + Revise the accelerated master’s platform and explore 3+2 and 4+1 possibilities within and beyond OSU.
  + Holistic admissions
  + Cut red tape for students
  + Support the development of dual-degree programs

**Pursue a robust portfolio of graduate programs**

**MY QUESTIONS**

Day to Day and meetings

Graduate Student Toolkit

Data and Assessment

Work with other departments

Future goals of department