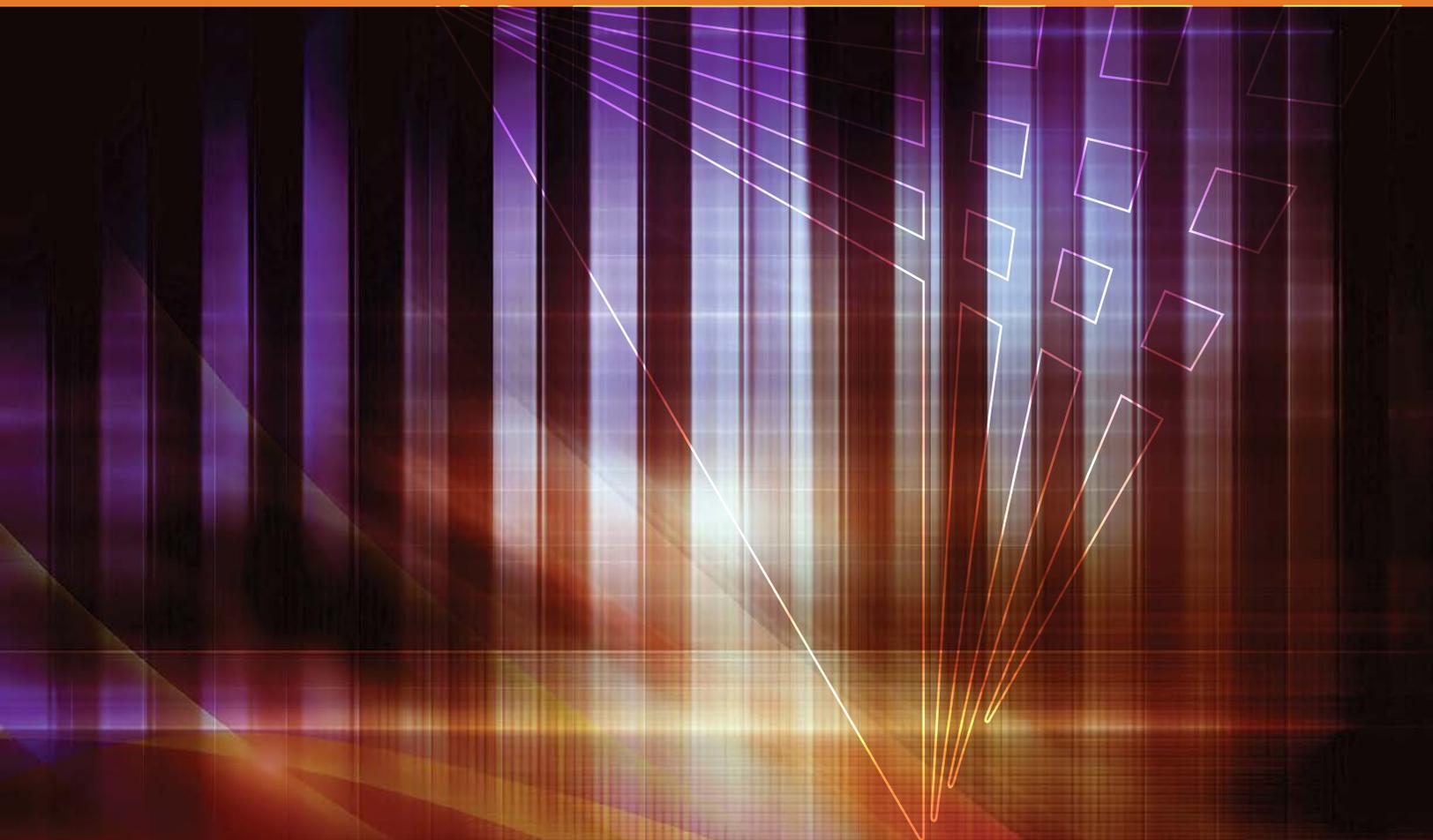


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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the School of Applied Technology is to provide practical and industry relevant education in an environment of technological and professional knowledge creation with a focus on project-based student problem solving, applied research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

1. Grow and develop the student body

To grow SAT enrollment we need to continue to develop our reputation and relationships with community colleges, high schools, alumni, current students, corporations, and international institutions. We must also add new programs, including interdisciplinary co-terminal programs with academic units from other colleges.

To develop the SAT student body we must build on the distinctive educational approaches that each of our academic units provides. Enhancements will include interdisciplinary course options, like what we have with Kent Law, the Institute of Design, and the Stuart School of Business. Other curricular improvements will focus on enhancements in the areas of student leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship and collaborative technology-based support for the proposed Innovation Center and the Entrepreneurship Academy.

We must continue to achieve excellent placement, retention, and graduation rates and improve the quality of students choosing IIT.

2. Promote innovative thinking and excellence throughout the university

Innovative student thinking and the pursuit of excellence are the keys to the SAT mission. We need to build on our existing successes to the point where future students, alumni, and employers tout this as a distinctive aspect of an IIT education.

Further grow the research activities of the Food Science and Nutrition research centers—CNR, CPI, and CSP. Establish a food safety and processing technology hub/incubator/innovation center for small- and medium-sized food companies and entrepreneurs to test concept-to-market ideas.

Further grow the research profile of the ITM labs—Cyber Forensic and Security Lab and the Real Time Communications Lab as well as the NSA Cyber Security Center.

IIT Online needs to enhance its current capabilities and play a collaborative role in the proposed Teaching and Learning Center. We remain committed to the enhancement of instructional technology at IIT and the initiation of faculty development efforts.

3. Elevate IIT's visibility and ranking

Leverage and enhance IFSH's national and international reputation in food safety research through collaborative research programs with the FDA and industry. Leverage IFSH leadership on the FSPCA to establish IFSH as a national and international leader in training and helping the food industry in preventive control implementations.

Enhance the research reputation of the Information Technology and Management program to achieve national visibility.

4. Enhance IIT's facilities, infrastructure, and environments

The quality facilities at the Moffett and Rice campuses have benefited from considerable research funding and corporate giving. However, we need to seek additional funding to renovate the food processing pilot plant at Moffett to accommodate increased demand of FDA and industry projects. At the Main campus, our challenge is to make the needed improvement to our office, classroom, and research lab facilities.

5. Develop resources to enable progress

Our goal is to continue to be a significant source for net tuition revenue from both degree and non-degree courses across all SAT educational and training programs. With the addition of the Food Science and Nutrition department, we will continue to enhance the high level of research funding together with the FDA and through the IFSH Centers (CNR, CPI, and CSP).

Our challenges include achieving increases in online student revenue, summer program revenue, and alumni giving. We also need to become an integral part of the IIT capital campaign.

While we do not have a mature alumni base to support alumni giving, we have a growing base of alumni who are appreciative of their IIT experience. We have been able to build business relationships that have resulted in substantial gift giving to IIT. Our goal is to leverage our corporate outreach relationships to provide needed resources and identify potential donors.

6. Strengthen all of IIT's schools/colleges

Our primary goal will be to leverage the IFSH/DNA research reputation to gain national recognition for the Food Science and Nutrition department. Also, we plan to seek accreditation for the Information Technology and Management (ITM) program once the time frame requirements are met (FY17). We plan to strengthen the college by adding a Ph.D. program in FdSN. We plan to further enhance the research achievements of our strong undergraduate and master's degree students.