

SIS Board of Visitors

Dean's Update

October 2015



Highlights

- Two new staff, one new professor of practice
 - Bre Evans (Marketing & Communications)
 - Alka Singh (Internship Coordinator)
 - Leona Mitchell (Professor of Practice)
- Wei Jeng wins iSchools doctoral fellowship award (CLIR)
- 17 visiting scholars (10 currently here)
- 26 i3 scholars in 2015 cohort (#5)
 - 22 universities & colleges
 - 14 states
 - 18 female students
 - Chancellor's 2015 Affirmative Action award
 - 23 i3 scholars (32%) in graduate programs
 - 2 currently in PhD programs

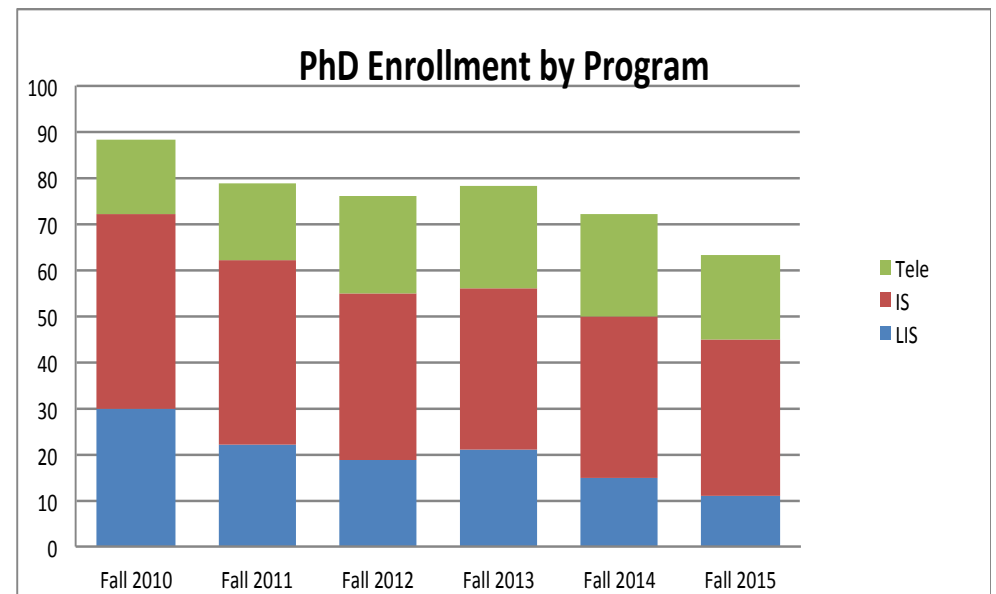
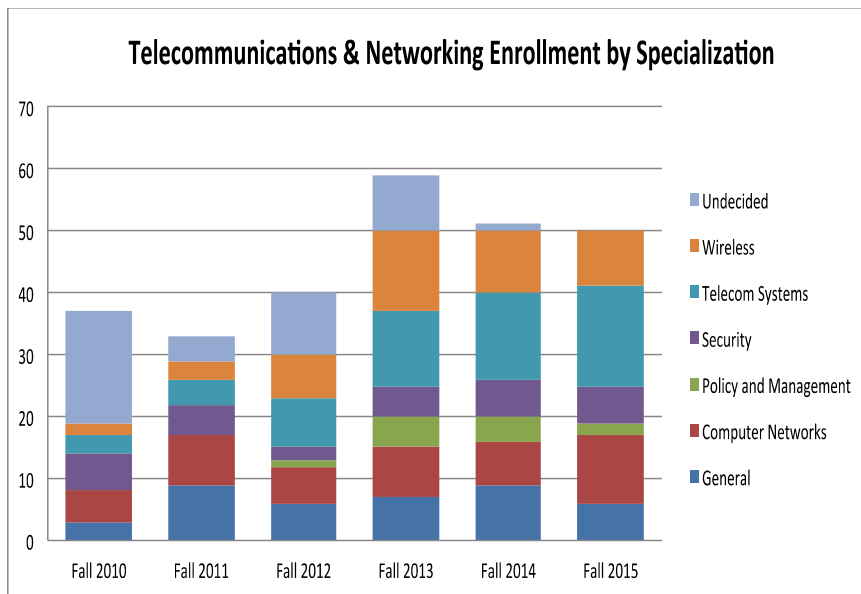
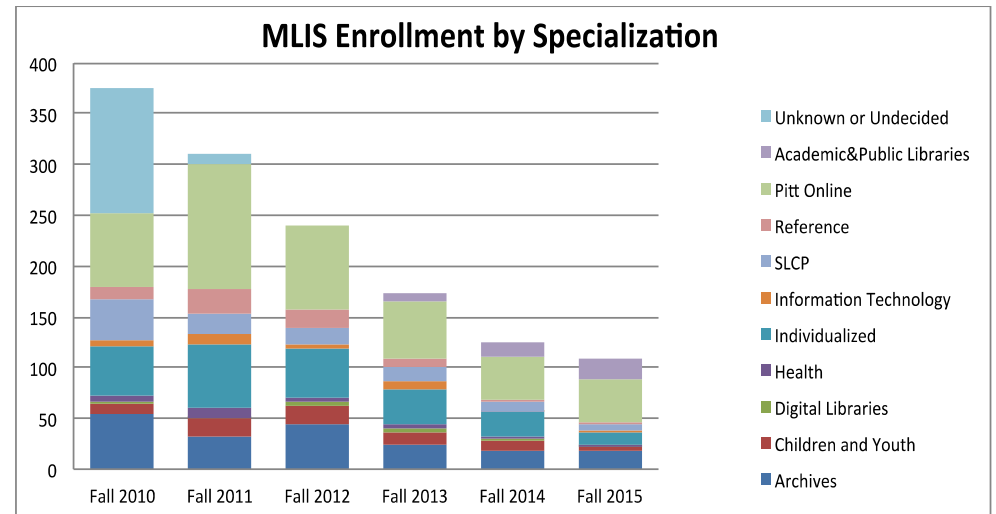
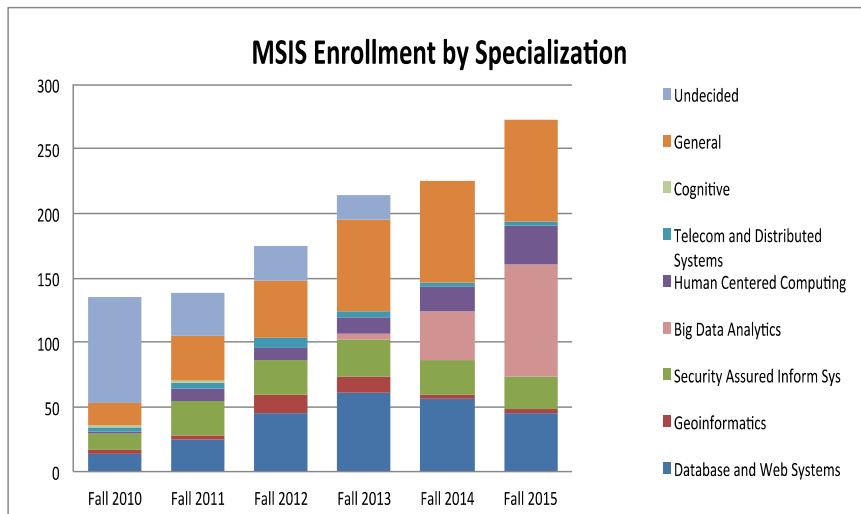


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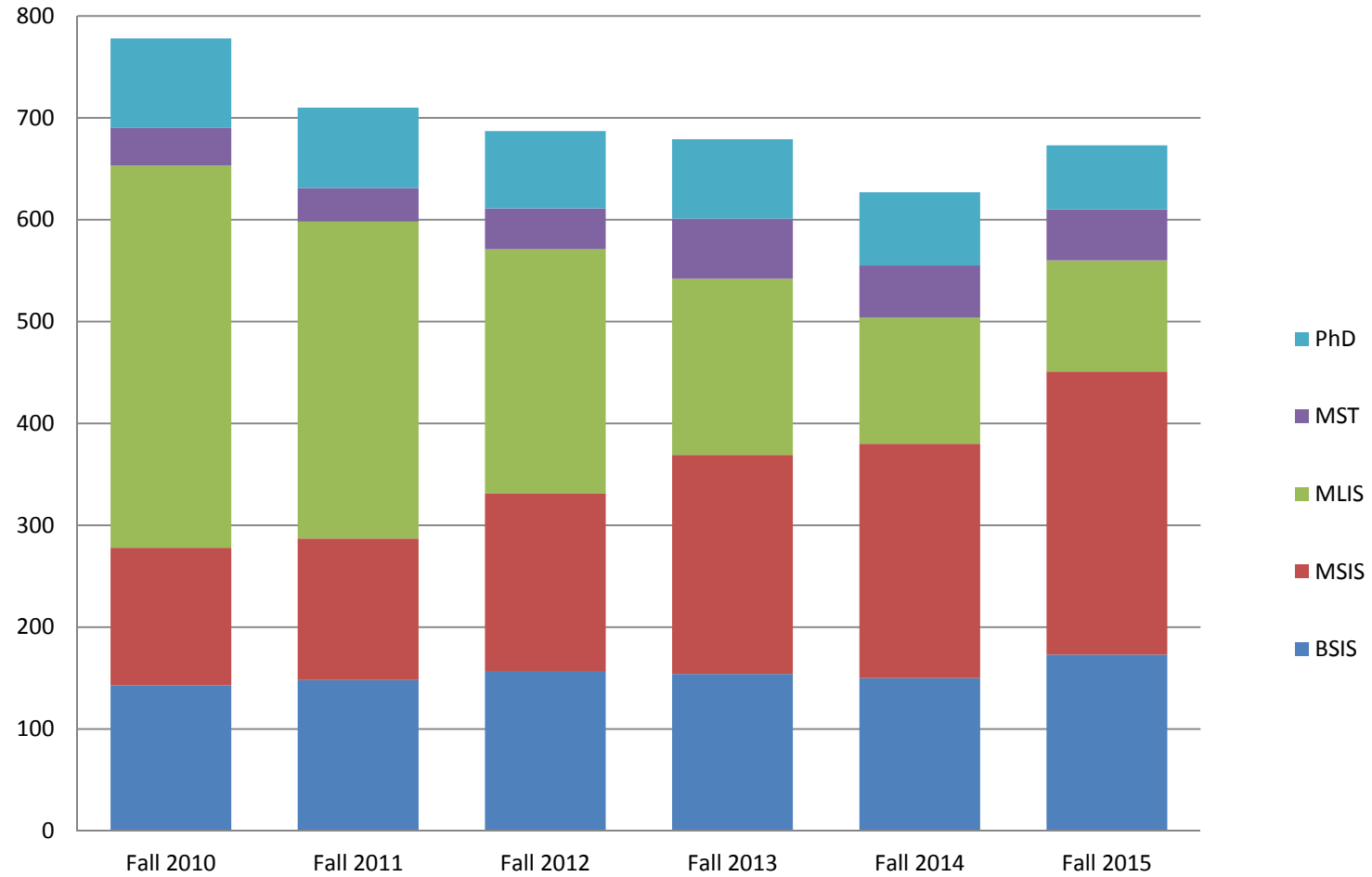
- Certificates of Advanced Studies (CAS) now available (post-bac & graduate)
 - Big Data Analytics
 - Information Security
- Pitt Cybersecurity initiative
- Core MLIS degree program available through Pitt Online
- David Tipper promoted to Full Professor
- Amelia Acker moved to tenure stream
- Liz Lyon developed new courses in Research Data Management and Research Data Infrastructure
- *Bits & Bytes* café opened on first floor
- iSchool Consortium has grown to 65 members with more applications pending (now a 501c3)



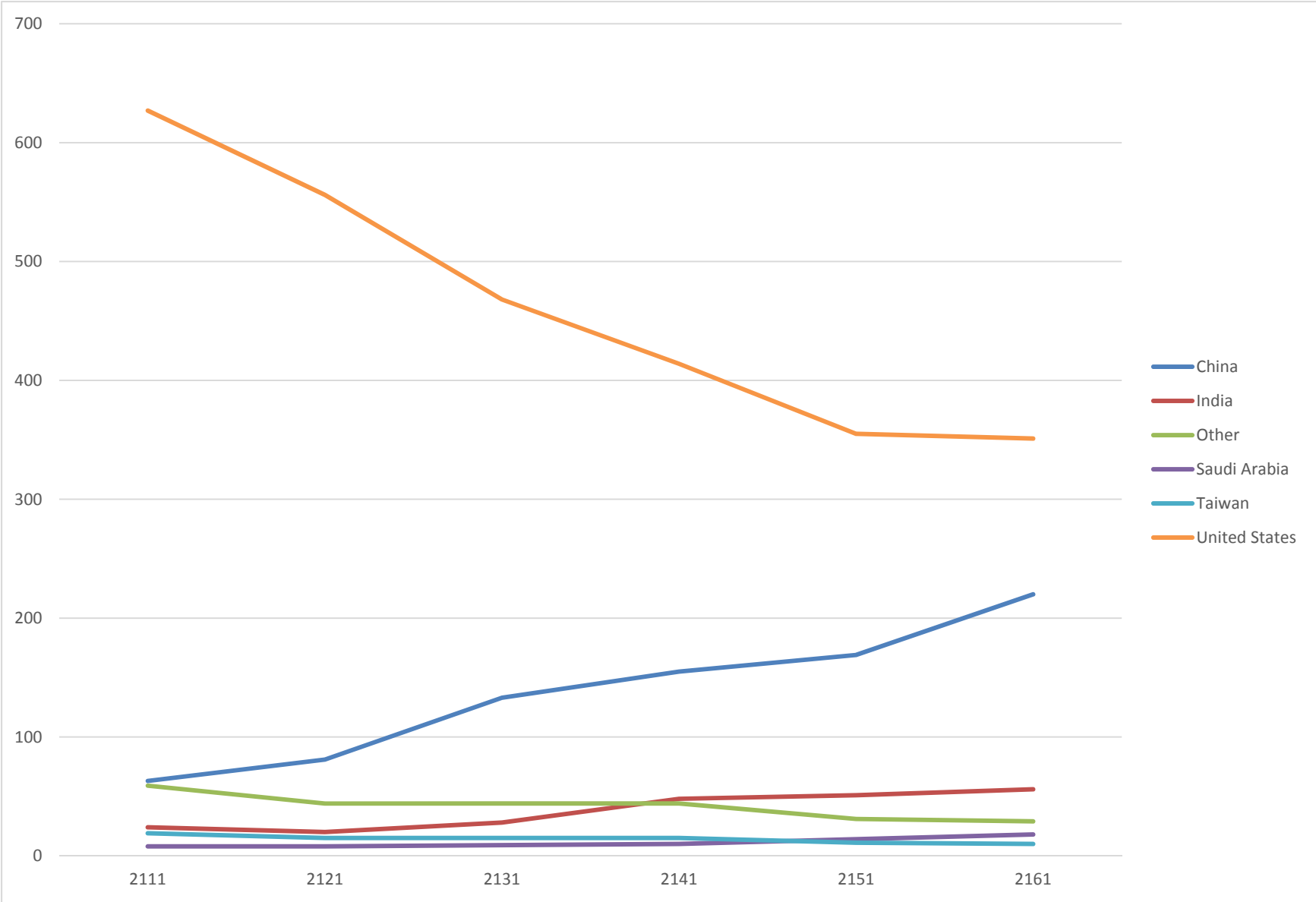
Graduate Enrollment Trends



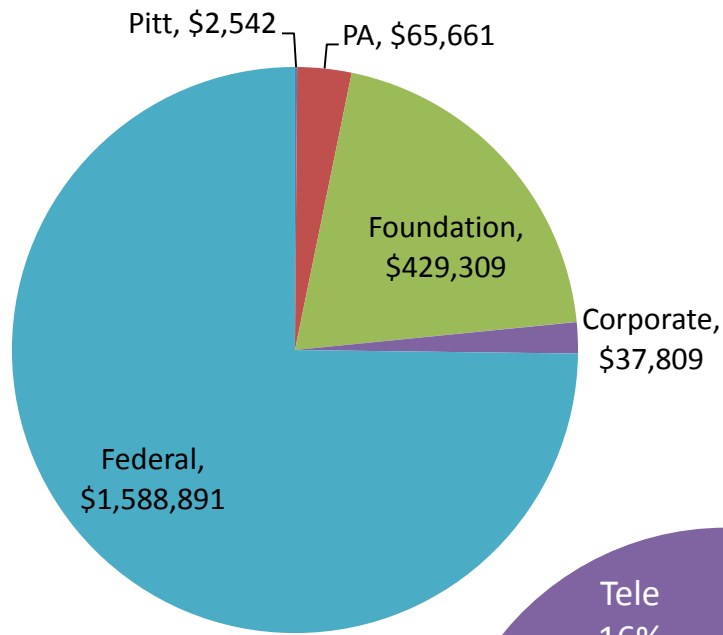
SIS Enrollment by Program



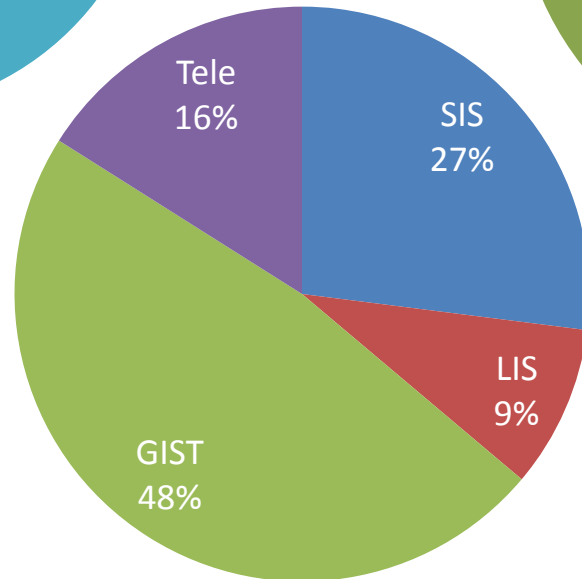
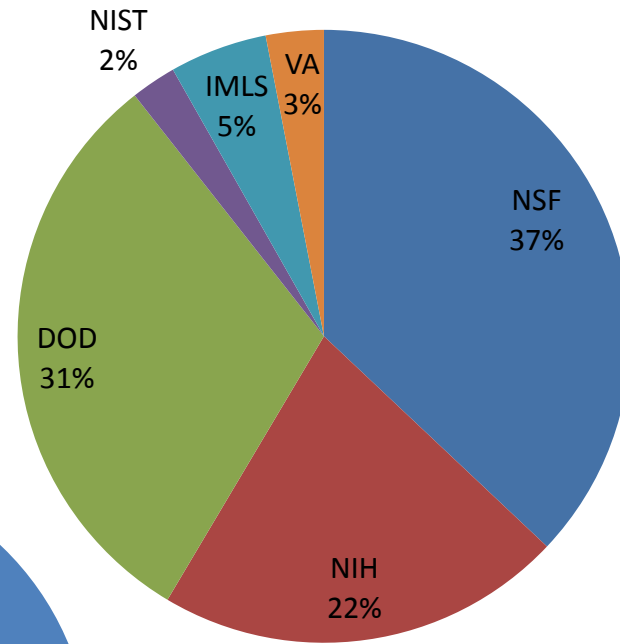
All SIS students by country of origin: Fall 2010 – Fall 2015



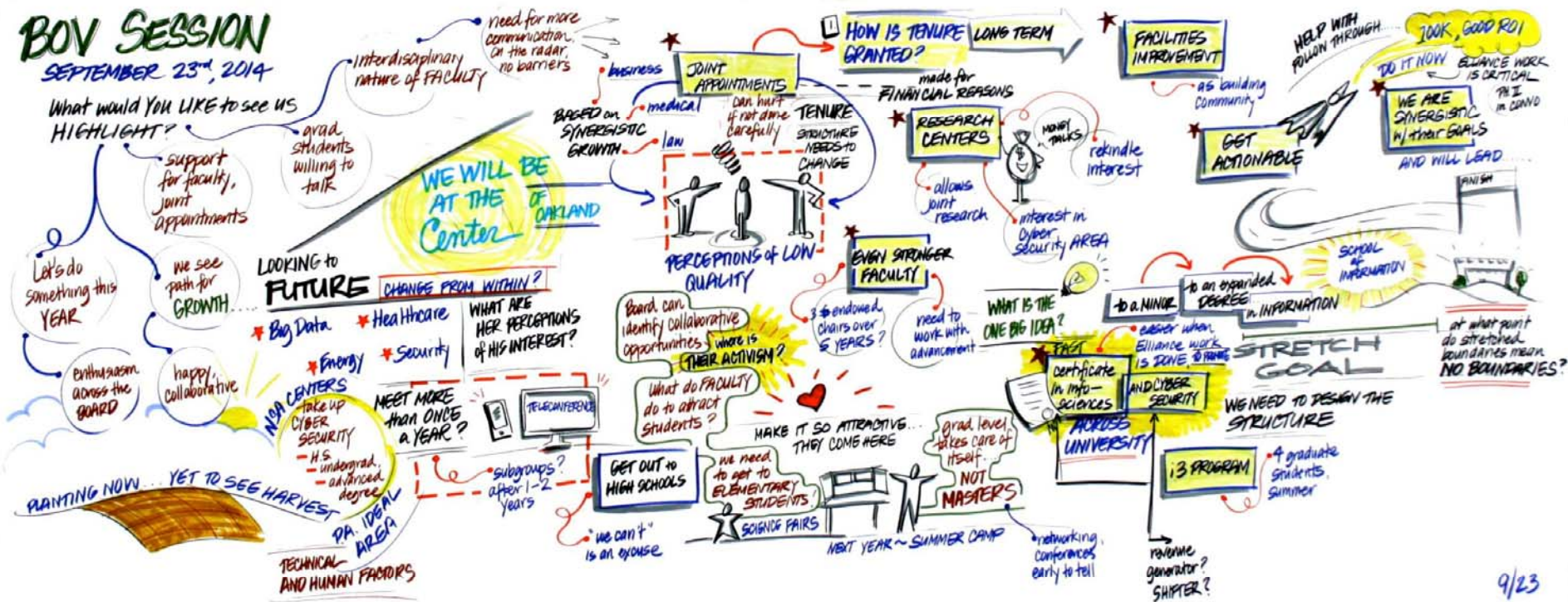
FY 2015 External Funding (\$2,124,212)



Federal Funding (\$1,588,891)



September 2014



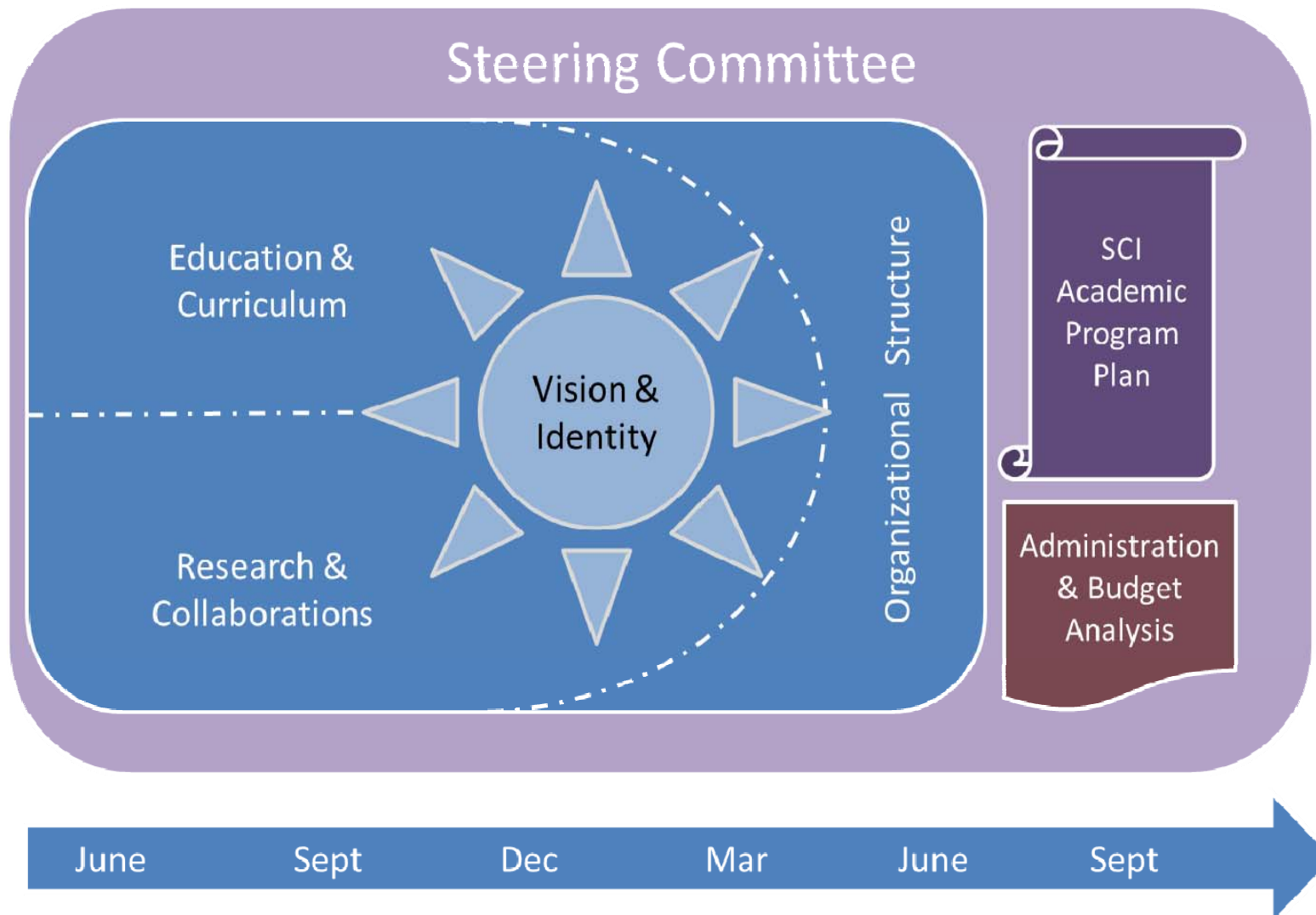
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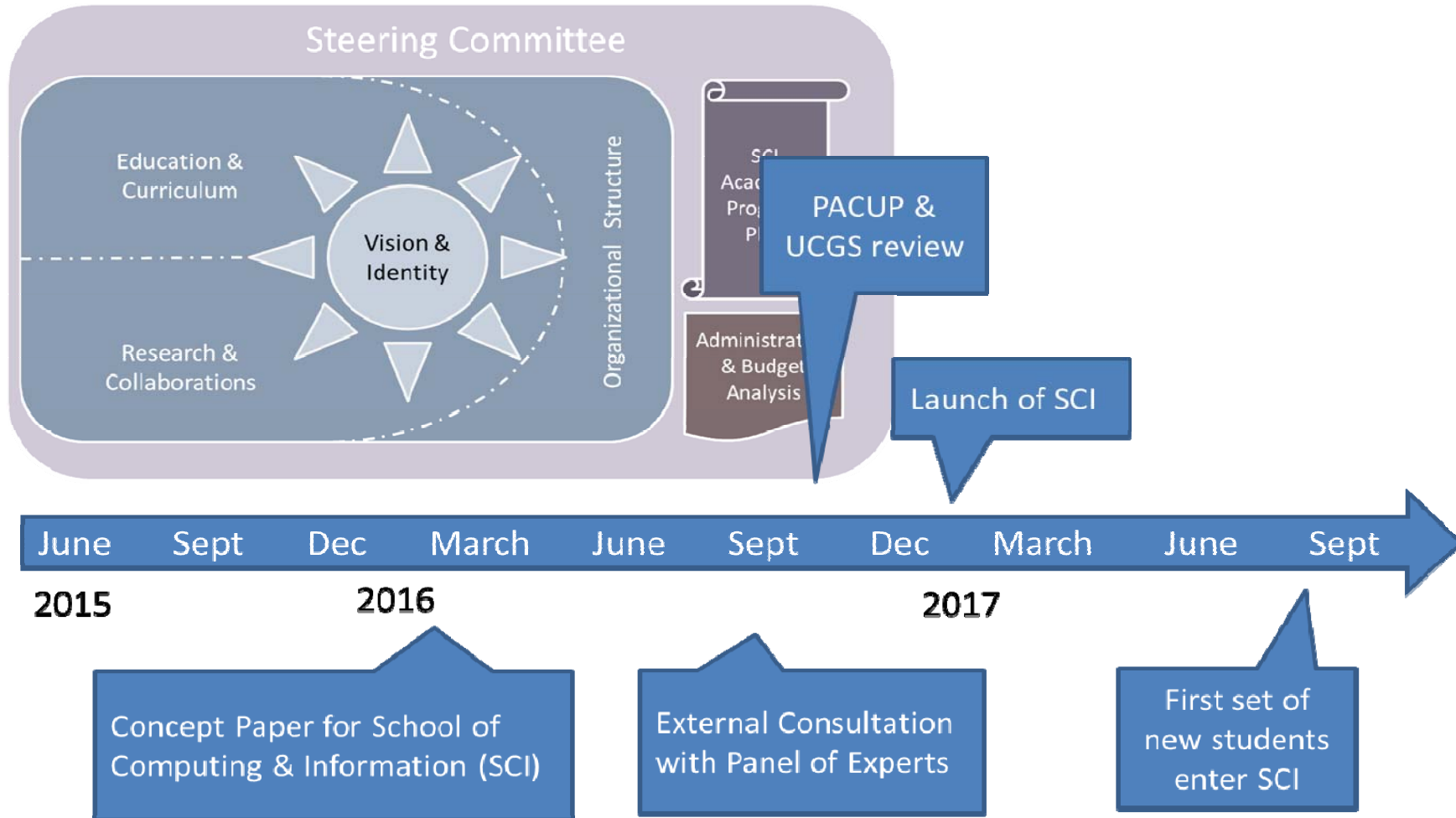
- “... our institutional strength in this increasingly important area of inquiry could be enhanced through a structure that allows for greater integration and coordination of both the research and academic programs”
- “... take a broad look at the University’s strengths, opportunities, and needs in this area and develop a proposal that will significantly advance our efforts by consolidating academic programs, capitalizing on existing strengths, enhancing collaborations, and creating an intellectual hub for computing and information sciences at the University.”

– Provost Beeson, April 10, 2015

Timeline



Timeline, cont'd



The image shows the cover of a report titled "The Plan for Pitt: Making a Difference Together" for the academic years 2016-2020. The background is a solid blue color on the left, transitioning into a photograph of the Cathedral of Learning on the right. The text is centered on the blue background. The title "The Plan for Pitt" is in a large, bold, gold-colored serif font. Below it, "Making a Difference Together" is in a smaller, bold, white sans-serif font. At the bottom, "Academic Years 2016-2020" is in a smaller, bold, white sans-serif font. The Cathedral of Learning is shown in a low-angle shot, highlighting its Gothic architecture and spires against a clear blue sky.

The Plan for Pitt
Making a Difference Together
Academic Years 2016–2020

Planning Framework

MISSION

- Offer superior educational programs
- Advance the frontiers of knowledge and creative endeavor
- Share expertise with private, community, and public partners

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

In advancing our mission, we will rank among the finest universities in the world, emphasizing as Strategic Priorities:

**Consistently
Deliver Excellence
in Education**

**Impact Through
Pioneering
Research**

**Build
Community
Strength**

**Extend
Our Global
Reach**

**Provide
Top
Value**

**Secure an
Adequate
Resource Base**

DRIVERS

As we strive for excellence and impact in advancing our mission and vision, we face profound challenges and opportunities in our region and the global landscape of higher education. These demand dynamic responses, and are drivers of foundational change.

**Partnering
for Impact**

collaboration to enrich the interdisciplinarity of our academic endeavors and enhance operational effectiveness. We will pursue engagements with private, public, government, and international partners on strategic initiatives.

**Maximizing
Information**

scale and impact of our activities by harnessing information in pursuit of grand challenges. This will include investments in research, student learning and development, community and alumni engagement, and operational effectiveness.

Shaping Our Culture

culture in which faculty, staff, students, and alumni all strive for excellence. We will invest in the continuous development of our people; and become more diverse and interconnected, agile in our decision making, and engaged as a community. With resiliency, integrity, and determination, we will be entrepreneurial and innovative in achieving impactful results.

VALUES

With respect for each other and our rich tradition, the University of Pittsburgh embraces as core values:

- Excellence, Impact
- Integrity, Virtue
- Collaboration, Collegiality
- Diversity, Inclusion
- Entrepreneurship, Agility



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Strategic Initiatives

- **Enhance the success of undergraduate students** through comprehensive program reviews, professional development opportunities, and providing mentorship and other forms of support
 - **Ensure the success of graduate, professional, and post-doctoral students** by strengthening the program through comprehensive program reviews, professional development opportunities, and providing mentorship and other forms of support
 - **Expand access and affordability** through partnerships with local school districts, increased voluntary support for need- and merit-based scholarships and fellowships, and improved time-to-degree
 - **Enrich the student experience** through engagement with diverse cultures and perspectives, expanded opportunities for study abroad, and integrating global perspectives into the curriculum
- Serve as a leader in personalizing educational experiences** inside and outside the classroom
- Expand access to master's and professional education** through innovative joint degree programs, online master's and professional programs



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Draw on expertise from across the University to address critical societal challenges in education and health

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Expand our computational capacity, human and physical, to meet research needs across a broad range of disciplines into the future

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Reinforcing the value of diversity, inclusion, and global perspective

- **Strengthening life-long alumni connections** to the University through improved outreach and engagement and expanded continuing education opportunities
- **Ensuring our ability to retain a diverse and and staff** by offering competitive compensation, providing professional development opportunities, and fostering a more productive and supportive work environment

Embrace the world by

- **Developing strategic partnerships** with leading institutions in a key set of regions around the world to strengthen our global presence in ways that advance our educational, research, and service missions

Enhancing social impact by applying our knowledge and expertise to improve educational, health, and policy outcomes

public
University community



STRATEGIC GOAL 4:

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Transform information i

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Extend our impact and reputation

efficiency by improv
collaboration between and among
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- **Enhance our ability to partner** both internally and with public and private partners locally, nationally, and globally



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Strategic Initiative

- Reinforce diversity and inclusion as essential

Help to attract and retain a diverse regional population and University community

Enrich the student experience through engagement with diverse cultures and perspectives

FEATURE



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