

# SIU Priorities

We have an unequivocal commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarly/creative activities, service and the achievement of these objectives within an affordable educational experience for all students.

SIU's priorities are:

- To improve teaching and learning and strengthen undergraduate, graduate and professional education, taking advantage of existing and emerging programmatic strengths and bridging school-to-work by increasing work-based learning experiences for our students.
- To enhance student success by involving all members of the University community in implementing an effective, targeted recruitment strategy and improving student retention, including the elimination of obstacles to timely degree completion.
- To strengthen our commitment to faculty and staff development as well as ensure a closer correlation of productivity, faculty and staff workload, and reward systems as defined by the role and mission of each program and administrative unit.
- To expand inter- and intra-campus collaboration to strengthen international education, degree programs, distributed learning, fundraising, and student and faculty research opportunities, and to streamline administrative processes. Resources resulting from such efficiencies shall be directed to the University's primary educational mission.
- To build public and private sector partnerships that address the state's needs and strengthen the University's leadership role in the region.

Achievement of these priorities requires the commitment and dedication of the entire University community.