Ag Science Department: Strategic Goals Update 2007-2008

**Sustainability**
- Student recruiting continued at high schools, the State FFA Conference, and annual Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators. As a result registration increased 3.4%. Plans are to recruit at the National FFA Conference in 2007 and 2008.
- The New Horticulture/Floral Careers facility is under construction. It will contain modern greenhouses, construction lab, computer lab, and capacity for 300 students. Horticulture and Floral Careers programs are expected to increase in enrollment for 2008 & 2009.

**Resources**
- $80,000 funding from the Grow Iowa Values Fund (GIVF) is supporting development of viticulture classes, activities, and a vineyard.
- Equipment funding reached a 10 year high and several major pieces of agriculture equipment were purchased.

**Curriculum**
- The Agriculture department is piloting a new College process for program assessment. The first phase is to review and update all program outcomes and have them validated by advisory committees.
- Two people in the Department are receiving training on Worldwide instructional Design System (WIDS) software. WIDS links curriculum to institutional assessment and will be used by the department for implementing the new program assessment process.

**Student Success**
- All students accepted into the Ag department are given a consistent program conference due to the use of an “information checklist” that was developed as an outcome from a KQIP project. Every program now supplies the same information and gets student sign off at the conclusion of the program conference. We believe this also helps with student commitment to follow through on enrolling in classes

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