



ALUMNI, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

DOW UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCE

STRATEGIC PLAN

(2024 – 2027)

Pioneering Excellence | Inspiring Innovation



To Heal | To Educate | To Discover

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



In our dynamic role, we are dedicated to promoting our healthcare services, academics, and commercial projects. As we navigate this journey, our focus extends to both internal and external communications, fostering a community that thrives on connectivity and collaboration.

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2027 Showcase

Looking forward to 2027, a key objective is enhancing our brand image, symbolizing the excellence that defines us. Through strategic initiatives, compelling storytelling, and innovative campaigns, we aspire to showcase the transformative impact our university will have on healthcare and academia.

In our rear-view mirror, we see a path of achievements, challenges, and growth. This retrospective glance fuels our determination to forge ahead. Envisioning 2027, our healthcare university stands as a beacon of innovation, a catalyst for positive change, and a global leader in shaping the future of healthcare and academia.

Tariq Shahid
Director,
Alumni, Marketing and Communication

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our primary focus is on promoting healthcare services, academics, and commercial projects. This entails fostering a robust internal and external communication ecosystem, nurturing a community that thrives on connectivity and collaboration.

Looking forward, a key objective is to enhance our brand image, symbolizing the excellence that defines us. Through strategic initiatives, compelling storytelling, and innovative campaigns, we aim to showcase the transformative impact our institution will have on healthcare and academia. By 2027, we envision our healthcare university and hospital driving positive change and innovation in the field.

Our retrospective glance reveals a path marked by achievements, challenges, and growth. This fuels our determination to forge ahead, envisioning a future where our healthcare institution stands at the forefront of healthcare and academia.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Established just two years ago, the Department of Alumni, Marketing, and Communications has rapidly evolved into a pivotal force within our institution. Recognizing the need for a dedicated hub to connect, promote, and communicate, the department was inaugurated, addressing a void that had long persisted.

In its infancy, new staff members were strategically recruited to breathe life into this nascent department. The infusion of fresh perspectives and expertise was crucial to overcoming the initial lack of resources. Since then, the team has flourished, crafting a vibrant unit that has quickly become indispensable to our institution's fabric.

What was once an unfamiliar department transformed into a guiding light for internal departments. Today, various units seek guidance, assistance, and support from the Alumni, Marketing, and Communications team. Their expertise extends beyond traditional roles, with the department now actively contributing to marketing initiatives for the university, hospital, and routine day-to-day activities.

This young yet dynamic department has become a linchpin, connecting the past through alumni engagement, shaping the present through strategic marketing, and fostering a communicative environment that propels our institution toward a promising future. In just two short years, its impact resonates across the entire organization, solidifying its place as a cornerstone of our collaborative success.

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

Accomplishments over the Years

In recent years, our department has achieved significant milestones, fostering strong intra-department liaison, building a brand image, executing successful marketing campaigns, and amplifying social media engagements. These accomplishments underscore our commitment to effective communication, brand development, and innovative outreach strategies.

Strategic Staff Composition

Our current team comprises dedicated professionals, each playing a crucial role in advancing our department's goals. This includes a communication specialist overseeing effective messaging, an administrator ensuring seamless operations, a corporate communications and donations expert driving philanthropic activities, a content writer crafting compelling narratives, a creative designer and animator producing visually appealing content, an assistant creative designer supporting in design endeavors, and a specialist focused on marketing commercial area projects.

Response Rates and Availability

One of our proudest achievements is our round-the-clock responsiveness. Our team ensures swift and efficient responses to internal and external queries. This commitment to prompt communication has not only strengthened our intra-departmental collaborations but has also enhanced our external interactions. Dedication to quick responses reflects our commitment to excellence and our understanding of the importance of timely and effective communication in today's dynamic environment.

As we delve into the details, this overview sets the stage for a deeper exploration of our team structure, achievements, and the strategies we employ to bolster our brand, engage our audience, and maintain unparalleled responsiveness.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

SETTING UP
MARKETING
DEPARTMENT

STAFF HIRING, TRAINING,
JDs & OBJECTIVES

DEVELOPED CENTRAL
HUB OF
COMMUNICATION

GENERATE SUPPORT TO
COLLECT DONATION
FOR PATIENT WELFARE
FUND

VACCINE & FUTURE
COMMERCIAL
PRODUCTS

MOUs WITH
CORPORATES
(CAREEM PVT LTD &
MEDIA MAX PVT LTD)

SUPPORT TO
INCREASE PATIENT
FLOW AND SERVICES

➤ DUHS BRAND GUIDELINES
➤ COMMUNICATION POLICY

TVC / DVC
RADIO

WEBSITE
OPTIMIZATION

➤ CREATIVE DESIGNING
➤ SOCIAL MEDIA
MARKETING

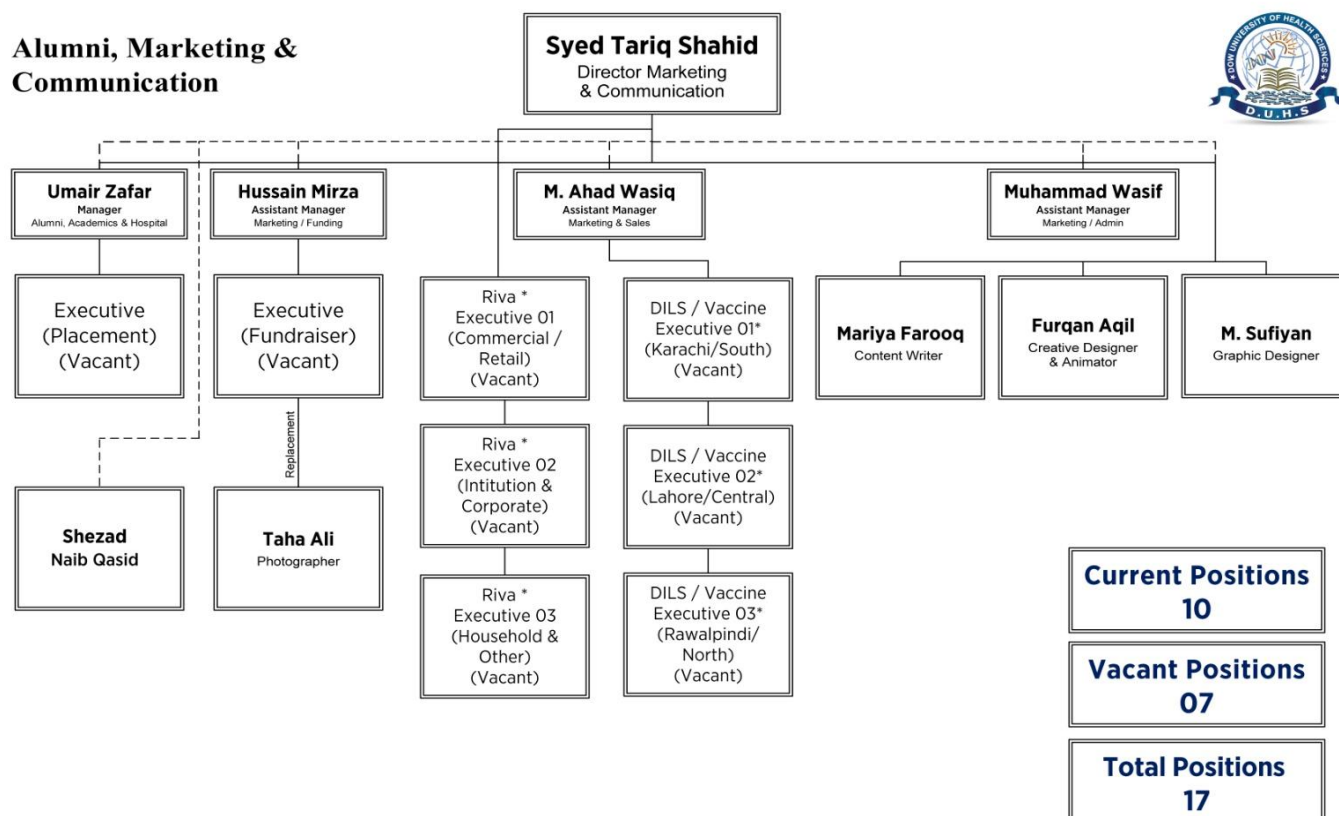
LIAISON WITH ALL DUHS
DEPARTMENTS /
INSTITUTIONS

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT
AND SUPPORT

INSTITUTIONAL ORGANOGRAM

This organogram is applicable for 2024-2025 (need to be reviewed yearly basis)

Alumni, Marketing & Communication



SECTION I: OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The University's Strategic Planning process began with the Executive Strategic Planning Workgroup, ensuring a well-structured and innovative approach. This workgroup guided departments in aligning their plans with the University's Master Strategic Plan (SP), fostering creativity and ambition while maintaining flexibility.

Given the University's dynamic growth, the plan leverages the strengths of its colleges, schools, and institutes within a unified framework. The Master SP, initiated in 2018 under Vice Chancellor Prof. Muhammad Saeed Quraishy, reflects a collective vision shaped by faculty, staff, and students.

During the 2023 mid-term review, the workgroup mentored departments in developing their own strategies in alignment with the Master SP 2030. Built around the theme "A BRIDGE TO EXCELLENCE," the plan embodies the University's path toward its goals. Its success depends on the shared commitment of stakeholders who play a vital role in its execution and the realization of the University's vision.

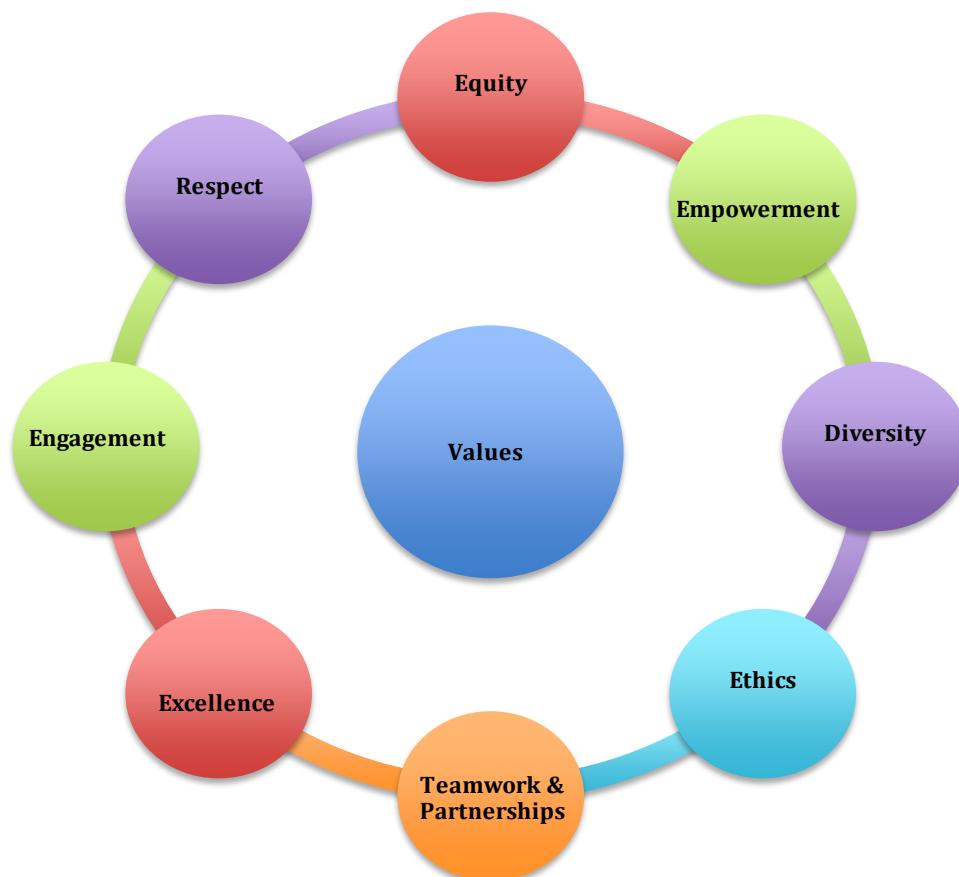
SECTION II: VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

To be a pre-eminent academic institution committed to changing and saving lives.

MISSION

Providing outstanding patient-centered education, training, and clinical care informed by cutting-edge research and innovation, generating and disseminating new knowledge.



VALUES:

- **Customer Service**
 - Put students first
- **Empathy & Compassion**
 - Understand before you judge
 - Be concerned for the sufferings and misfortunes of others

- **Excellence**
 - Be the best and commit to exceptional quality and service
- **Innovation**
 - Encourage curiosity, imagine, create, and share
- **Teamwork**
 - Engage and collaborate
- **Integrity & Leadership**
 - Be a role model and influence others to achieve their best
 - Have the courage to do the right thing
 - Hold yourself and others accountable
- **Respect & Collegiality**
 - Be kind
 - Listen to understand
 - Value different opinions

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Alumni Marketing & Communication Department at Dow University of Health Sciences aims to enhance the institution's visibility and reputation, support key initiatives like the Patient Welfare Fund, strengthen alumni connections, promote commercial products, and improve communication. Through strategic outreach and partnerships, the department fosters trust, builds connections, and supports DUHS's mission of excellence in education, healthcare, and research.

SECTION III: ASPIRATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Regional Aspirational Institution: Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

1) LUMS Marketing and Communications Department:

Rationale for Selection:

Brand Development: LUMS has successfully developed its brand over the years, and its marketing and communications department plays a pivotal role in conveying the institution's values, achievements, and unique offerings.

Innovative Campaigns: The department's execution of innovative campaigns contributes to LUMS' positive image and its ability to attract top talent regionally and internationally.

Strategic Positioning: LUMS has strategically positioned itself as a premier educational institution in the region, and the marketing and communications department has been instrumental in communicating and reinforcing this positioning.

International Aspirational Institution: Harvard University

2) Harvard University Marketing and Communications Department:

Rationale for Selection:

Global Reach: Harvard's marketing and communications department effectively communicates the university's achievements, research, and values on a global scale, making it an aspirational benchmark for international outreach.

Brand Authority: Harvard's brand authority is a result of consistent and strategic communication efforts, positioning it as a leader in academia, research, and innovation.

Innovation in Campaigns: The department's ability to innovate in marketing campaigns contributes to Harvard's prestigious image and its ability to attract top-tier talent and collaborations internationally.

SECTION IV: STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 01: Enhance Dow University's visibility and reputation

Objective 1: Enhance the Visibility and Reputation of Dow University of Health Sciences through Strategic Marketing and Promotion of Academic and Research Excellence.

Goal 02: Increase support for the Patient Welfare Fund

Objective 1: Generate increased support for the Patient Welfare Fund through targeted fundraising campaigns and strategic partnerships.

Goal 03: Improve internal and external communication

Objective 1: Enhance internal and external communication by improving response efficiency and increasing stakeholder engagement.

Goal 04: Ensure the commercial success of the DILS project

Objective 1: Assess and enhance the commercial success of the DowRab Anti Rabies Vaccine by increasing market penetration and securing additional partnerships.

Goal 05: Foster stronger connections with DUHS alumni

Objective 1: Strengthen DUHS alumni engagement and support for university programs.

OBJECTIVES, OKRs & KPIs

Goal 01: Enhance Dow University's visibility and reputation

Goal Statement: Strengthen the visibility and reputation of Dow University through strategic marketing and promotion of its academic and research excellence.

Objectives & Key results (OKRs)

Objective 1: Enhance the Visibility and Reputation of Dow University of Health Sciences through Strategic Marketing and Promotion of Academic and Research Excellence.

Objective	Key Results	KPI	Measurement Method	Target	Person Responsible	Resource Requirement	Timeline
Increase awareness of Dow University's education and healthcare services by 20% in 12 months.	Raise brand recognition	Internal stakeholder satisfaction survey	Annual stakeholder feedback surveys, focus groups, and internal engagement analysis	30 Survey	Director / Manager	HR team, survey tools (Google Forms, Typeform), data analytics software	yearly
	Enhance social media engagement	Quarterly social media engagement metrics	Engagement rate, reach, and impression tracking through Meta Business Suite and Google Analytics	41,400 engagements (15% increase)		Social media manager, analytics tools (Hootsuite, Sprout Social), ad budget	yearly
	Increase website traffic	Number of website visitors per quarter	Google Analytics to track website traffic, page views, and bounce rates	252,000 quarterly visitors (15% increase)		IT support team, SEO tools (SEMrush), marketing team	quarterly

Goal 02: Increase support for the Patient Welfare Fund

Goal Statement: Boost support for the Patient Welfare Fund through targeted fundraising efforts and strategic partnerships to expand its impact.

Objectives & Key results (OKRs)

Objective 2: Generate increased support for the Patient Welfare Fund through targeted fundraising campaigns and strategic partnerships.

Objective	Key Results	KPI	Measurement Method	Target	Person Responsible	Resource Requirement	Timeline
Increase funds for the Patient Welfare Fund by 15% within the next 12 months through targeted fundraising campaigns and partnerships with donors.	Increase in total donations received	Total donations amount yearly	Financial reports, donor contribution analysis, and fundraising event tracking	PKR 17,250,000 (10% increase)	Director / Manager / Asst. Manager	Fundraising team, donor CRM software, financial reporting tools	yearly
	Improve fundraising engagement	At least 63 engagements through campaigns (corporate donors)	Number of corporate donor meetings, MoU signings, and campaign success rate	66 engagements (Corporate donors)		Business development team, marketing materials, networking budget	yearly
	Secure new partnerships with donors and organizations	3 donor partnerships	Signed partnership agreements and sustained donor contributions	2 new partnerships		Corporate relations team, donor engagement strategy, relationship management software	yearly

Goal 03: Improve internal and external communication

Goal Statement: Enhance communication efficiency and strengthen stakeholder engagement through effective internal and external communication strategies

Objectives & Key results (OKRs)

Objective 3: Enhance internal and external communication by improving response efficiency and increasing stakeholder engagement.

Objective	Key Results	KPI	Measurement Method	Target	Person Responsible	Resource Requirement	Timeline
Improve internal and external communication by increasing response efficiency by 35% in 12 months.	Reduce response time for internal communication	48 hours (2 days) response time (depending on the project)	Response time tracking reports	47 hours (20% reduction)	Director / Manager	Customer service team, CRM software, IT support	yearly
	Reduce response time for external communication	72 hours (3 days) response time (depending on the project)	Email and query tracking system, SLA monitoring	72 hours (20% reduction)		Communication team, automated response software, training workshops	yearly
	Improve the usage and functionality of the centralized communication hub	At least 20% improvement would be targeted	Feedback surveys, internal communication effectiveness reports	Increase adoption to 20%		HR & training team, digital communication platforms (Slack, MS Teams), coaching sessions	yearly

Goal O4: Ensure the commercial success of the DILS project

Goal Statement: Drive the commercial success of the DowRab Anti Rabies Vaccine by expanding market penetration and building strategic partnerships

Objectives & Key results (OKRs)

Objective 4: Assess and enhance the commercial success of the DowRab Anti Rabies Vaccine by increasing market penetration and securing additional partnerships.

Objective	Key Results	KPI	Measurement Method	Target	Person Responsible	Resource Requirement	Timeline
Assess and enhance the commercial success of the DowRab Anti Rabies Vaccine & Research to launch new viable options within the next 12 months.	Increase the sales volume of DowRab	90,000 vials should be consumed in the next 6 months	Sales reports, distribution tracking, and stock clearance data	40,000 doses	Director / Manager / Asst. Manager	Sales team, supply chain management tools, and inventory software	Half yearly
	Secure new distribution partnerships	3 new distribution partnerships	Signed distributor agreements, market expansion reports	1 new partnership		Business development team, market research, legal team	yearly
	Expand market reach through new molecules research	At least 3 molecules identify as viable options for toll manufacturing	R&D reports, feasibility studies, clinical trials	2 Molecules		Research team, lab equipment, compliance team	yearly

Goal 05: Foster stronger connections with DUHS alumni

Goal Statement: Build meaningful relationships with alumni to increase their involvement in university events and initiatives.

Objectives & Key results (OKRs)

Objective 5: Strengthen DUHS alumni engagement and support for university programs.

Objective	Key Results	KPI	Measurement Method	Target	Person Responsible	Resource Requirement	Timeline
Increase DUHS alumni engagement by 30% through events and support initiatives by December 2025.	Increase alumni registration on the DUHS Alumni Platform	Number of registered alumni	Alumni portal data, event attendance records	1,500 registered alumni (50% increase)	Director / Manager / Asst. Manager	Alumni relations team, database management software, outreach programs	yearly
	Launch new support initiatives for alumni involvement	At least 5 new support initiatives launched	Initiative impact reports, participation statistics, project completion rate	Launch 3 additional initiatives.		Alumni association, project management tools, funding sources	yearly

SECTION V: RESOURCE PLANNING FOR ACHIEVING STRATEGIC GOALS

Unit	Strategic Objective	Category	Description of Costs
Marketing Unit	Enhance Visibility & Reputation	Campaigns	(i) Brand Awareness Campaign (ii) SEO & Content Marketing (iii) social media / Influencer & Community Engagement Campaign (iv) Event Marketing
		Technology	(i) Meta Business Suite (ii) Content Creation & Design (iii) Google Analytics, SEMrush (iv) Google Ads (v) Meta Ads
		Training	(i) Meta Blueprint (ii) Google Digital Garage (iii) Workshops for content strategy
	Generate Support for Patient Welfare Fund	Campaigns	(i) Fundraising Awareness Campaign (ii) Storytelling & Emotional Appeal Campaign (iii) Digital Fundraising Drive (iv) Corporate & Philanthropy Partnerships
		Technology	Fundraising & Donation Platforms (ii) Email Marketing & Outreach (iii) SMS & WhatsApp Fundraising (iv) social media & Crowdfunding (Facebook Fundraisers, Instagram Donate Button, YouTube Giving) (v) Analytics & Engagement Tracking
		Training	Social media & Email Fundraising Strategies (Meta Blueprint, Google Digital Garage) - Data Analytics for Fundraising Success (Google Analytics Academy)
	Enhance Vaccine & Commercial Success by adding new portfolio	Campaigns	Product Awareness & Education Campaign (ii) Targeted Digital Advertising Campaign (iii) Influencer & Key Opinion Leader (KOL) Marketing (iv) Healthcare & Institutional Partnerships Program (v) Community Outreach (Organize public health initiatives)

		Technology	(i) Social media & Digital Advertising (Meta Ads, Google Ads) (ii) Market Research & Consumer Insights (Google Trends, SurveyMonkey) (iii) Public Relations & Media Outreach
		Training	(i) Healthcare & Pharma Marketing Strategies (ii) Digital Advertising & Social Media Marketing (Meta Blueprint, Google Digital Garage) (iii) Market Research & Consumer Insights (iv) Go-To-Market Strategy & Commercialization (v) Product Development & Portfolio Management
Alumni Unit	Strengthen DUHS alumni engagement and support for university programs	Campaigns	(i) Alumni Networking Campaign (ii) Alumni Success Stories Campaign (iii) Alumni Reunions & Events Campaign
		Technology	(i) Social Media Groups & Networking (Alumni Portal on DUHS Website) (ii) Email Marketing & Newsletters through Mailchimp (iii) Event Management & Webinars (Zoom Webinars) (iv) Survey & Feedback Tools (SurveyMonkey, Type form, Google Forms)
		Training	(i) Alumni Engagement & Relationship Building (LinkedIn Learning, Coursera) (ii) Event Planning & Virtual Event Management (Hopin Academy) (iii) Social Media Marketing for Alumni Engagement (Meta Blueprint, LinkedIn Marketing Solutions) (iv) Email Campaigns for Nonprofits & Alumni Relations (Mailchimp Academy, HubSpot Academy)

Communication Unit	Enhance Internal & External Communication	Campaigns	(i) Internal Communication Enhancement Campaign (Improve information flow among faculty, staff, and students) (ii) Employee & Faculty Engagement Program (Newsletters, feedback loops) (iii) Public Awareness & Media Relations Campaign (iv) Patient & Community Communication Initiative (Improve patient education and engagement through digital channels)
		Technology	Internal Communication & Collaboration: Microsoft Teams, Slack, Workplace by Meta (ii) Email & Newsletter Platforms: Mailchimp, HubSpot (iii) Employee & Student Feedback Tools: Google Forms, Type form, SurveyMonkey (iv) Patient Communication & Engagement Twilio (SMS & WhatsApp), WhatsApp Business API (v) social media & Public Engagement (Meta Business Suite)
		Training	(i) Effective Corporate Communication (LinkedIn Learning, Coursera) (ii) social media & Digital Communication (Meta Blueprint, Google Digital Garage) (iii) Internal Communication & Leadership Training

* Specific estimated budget will be approved separately

*Above plan is subject to approval & process

SECTION VI: MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Monitoring Activity	Frequency	Purpose
Periodic progress reviews	Monthly or quarterly	Evaluate the status of each strategic goal, assess progress and adjust initiatives as needed.
Evaluation discussions	During progress review meetings	Discuss achievements, challenges, and realign strategies with strategic objectives.

RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Campaign and Brand Risk:

- **Objective:** Protect and maintain the university's brand reputation across campaigns and digital content.
- **Plan:**
 - Monitor social media for feedback on campaigns using analytics tools.
 - Set up a review and approval process for all digital content to prevent inaccurate or negative representations.
 - Allocate contingency funds for rapid response and mitigation.

Data Privacy and Security:

- **Objective:** Ensure data security for alumni, students, and donor information.
- **Plan:**
 - Use secure CRM and analytics platforms with restricted access.
 - Implement regular cybersecurity training for staff handling data.
 - Establish protocols for immediate action in case of data breaches, including legal and IT support.

Event and Program Enrollment Risks:

- **Objective:** Manage risks associated with event disruptions or low program enrollment.
- **Plan:**
 - Have alternate virtual setups ready for in-person events if needed.
 - Prepare communication plans to address enrollment challenges, including additional digital outreach and engagement tactics.

Funding and Donation Risks:

- **Objective:** Safeguard donation and funding sources.
- **Plan:**
 - Communicate transparently with donors on how funds are used to build trust (collaborate with Donation Committee, DUHS).
 - Set contingency goals to offset any unexpected shortfalls in donations.

CRISIS COMMUNICATION PLAN

Crisis Team and Spokesperson Training:

- Assign a crisis management team with a designated spokesperson (Collaboration with Public Relation Department In lieu of Registrar Department).
- Conduct media training for spokespersons to handle press inquiries smoothly.

Message Development and Approval:

- Develop pre-approved message templates for potential crises (data breaches, event cancellations, enrollment challenges).
- Ensure messages are concise, transparent, and approved by key stakeholders.

Communication Channels:

- Use segmented communication to inform relevant audiences directly, e.g., alumni, students, donors.

Media Relations and Monitoring:

- Build relationships with key journalists in advance to ensure trust and accurate coverage (Collaboration with Public Relation Department).
- Monitor media coverage to gauge response and adjust messaging if needed.

Post-Crisis Analysis:

- Conduct post-crisis reviews to assess response effectiveness.
- Identify lessons learned to improve future risk management and crisis response procedures.

CHALLENGES AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES	MITIGATION STRATEGIES
Human Resource	We should have a career pathway plan for contractual employees & based on solid recognition and compensation plan.
Management & Financial Autonomy	Empower teams with management and financial autonomy by development of financial authority manual.
P&L Review & Sharing	Conduct regular P&L reviews and share insights across teams to ensure transparency, align financial goals, and drive informed decision-making for improved profitability.
Support Functions & Infrastructure	All essential equipment to perform effective marketing function. A proper sitting space at DMC.
New & current Commercial Projects viability	The decision to form a company is pivotal to perform commercial projects effectively.
No PCP certificate, External Audit Report, Income Tax Exemption Certificate for corporate funding and Associate Data (Welfare & Funding combined)	Facilitate the acquisition of a PCP certificate, Income Tax exemption certificate and external audit report for corporate funding by ensuring compliance with required standards, gathering necessary documentation, and engaging with relevant authorities to streamline the certification process.
Advertising & Service Agency Hiring	Induction of professional advertising agencies
Service Industry (Intense Competition)	Implement innovative customer engagement strategies and enhance service differentiation to stay ahead in a competitive service industry. Nutshell we should adopt client centered approach.
Compliment & synergize	Compliment and synergize by fostering collaborative partnerships that leverage each other's strengths to achieve mutual success and enhance overall performance and ensure timely, transparent, and collaborative exchange of knowledge across departments.
Sense of Urgency	Instill a sense of urgency by prioritizing tasks, making swift decisions, and driving quick actions to meet deadlines and seize opportunities.

SECTION VII: LIST OF APPENDICES

No.	DESCRIPTION
A	SWOT Analysis
B	TOWS Matrix

APPENDIX A: SWOT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear leadership direction across departments. 2. Strong budgeting ensuring stability for both marketing and alumni programs. 3. The university's prestigious brand enhances its impact across all departments. 4. Skilled teams managing both internal and external communications effectively. 5. Technological adaptability in marketing strategies. 6. Established communication channels (website, social media, press releases). Strong alumni engagement leadership and initiatives. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Difficulty in integrating data across departments, affecting strategy execution. 2. Procedural constraints causing delays in alumni and marketing activities. 3. Limited integration of modern digital tools in communication processes. 4. Insufficient personalized alumni engagement strategies, missing target audience segments. 5. Inconsistent messaging across communication channels. 6. Dependence on traditional outreach methods in alumni relations. 7. Lack of a real-time response system for handling urgent queries and PR crises.
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leverage the strong university brand to enhance market presence and alumni engagement. 2. Expand digital channels (e.g., social media, online alumni networks, podcasts) for broader reach. 3. Explore commercial marketing strategies and collaborations with corporate partners. 4. Utilize digital transformation tools such as AI-driven chatbots, automated emails, and CRM systems for alumni and communication management. 5. Increase alumni participation in fundraising, scholarship initiatives, and professional mentorship programs. 6. Strengthen media partnerships to enhance communication outreach. 7. Foster innovation within marketing, alumni, and communication teams to adopt modern digital solutions. 8. Engage alumni and the wider audience through interactive content, such as webinars, podcasts, and newsletters. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Market dynamics and competitor strategies affect marketing and alumni engagement. 2. Procedural delays hinder timely execution of marketing and alumni activities. 3. Misinformation or negative publicity affecting the university's reputation. 4. High competition from other universities with stronger alumni relations and digital communication capabilities. 5. Retention of skilled staff in alumni relations and communications due to evolving job market demands. 6. Rapid technological changes require continuous upskilling of the marketing, alumni, and communication teams.

APPENDIX B: TOWS MATRIX

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WEAKNESSES	WO	WT
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