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Core Goals of the Herb Innovation Center:

- Encourage and support research agendas and opportunities for JHCOE faculty
- Provide research opportunities for JHCOE undergraduate and graduate students
- Seek out and generate collaborative partnerships with school districts and community agencies

Short-term center goals (during the 2021-22 academic year):

- Help examine and support the research agenda of new faculty to the college
- Document contact/progress along with individual plans regarding research/grant support for all Associate Professors within JHCOE
- Generate the first HIC report (due on September 3) documenting its progress and impact including grant dollars generated, number of submitted grants (approved/declined ratio), number of student work projects, along with other appropriate metrics for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Hold HIC's first advisory board meeting during the 2021 fall semester
- Provide financial support for professional development activities for faculty and staff during the 2021-2022 academic year
- Continue to update and refine the HIC website
- Provide mentoring and supervision of the postdoctoral candidate

Long-term Goals (within the next 5 years)

- Currently JHCOE brings in approximately 1.5 million dollars in grant related money. Need to increase that to at least 4-5 million dollars
- Establish at least 3 major collaborative research projects with school partners and/or community agencies (identify possible high impact projects, for example ProMedica and potential Autism initiative)
- Promote the center and its work to the point of establishing a national presence and reputation

Center goals confirmed by Dr. Raymond Witte, Dean & Professor Judith Herb College of Education, 7/7/21