

4.A. We will be a vital source of collaborative scholarship, relating faith to issues of current and lasting importance in our world.

- 4.A.1. We will support interdisciplinary, collaborative research.
- Continue to support interdisciplinary reading groups and seminars.
 - Support collaborative planning by larger scholarly clusters (e.g., arts and humanities, global studies, sciences, and social sciences).
- 4.A.2. We will support undergraduate research throughout the curriculum.
- Invite undergraduates, where possible, into the work of the centers, summer seminars, and institutes.
 - Continue to make undergraduate involvement a priority for college support of faculty research.
 - Support undergraduate travel related to research opportunities.
- 4.A.3. We will support faculty involvement in external scholarly networks.
- Support grant-funded work through centralized grant accounting.
 - Continue to increase funding for faculty travel and external collaboration.
- 4.A.4. We will continue to support centers and institutes as a primary strategy for institutionalizing collaborative, strategic scholarly work.
- Strengthen existing centers, institutes, and chairs through external grants and gifts.
 - Develop new centers and institutes that fit the mission of the college only as our calling and capacity in these areas become apparent. Some areas in which such leadership is possible include:
 - an interdisciplinary science research center
 - an enterprise center that links industry with faculty and student expertise
 - a center for global engagement
 - a center for business excellence
 - Support certificate programs and other continuing education alternatives through institutes and centers.



OBJECTIVE 4:

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As a Christian community of learners, we will seek broad influence through the discovery and application of knowledge and through the beauty and joy of creative work.

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4.B. We will seek a greater public voice and wider sphere of influence through our scholarship.

- 4.B.1. Institutes and centers will explore and undertake collaborative work in order to strategically influence public scholarship and make Calvin College known as an excellent source of Christian thought.
- 4.B.2. We will encourage faculty members to engage in the role of public intellectual and will provide support and recognition for this work.
- 4.B.3. We will explore alternate forms of communicating the work of the faculty and staff of the college.
 - Explore the possibility of establishing an open-source database of Christian scholarship.
 - Make scholarship and teaching more accessible to a broader audience, both online and in print.
- 4.B.4. We will support a regular program of collaborative conferences and will encourage Calvin faculty contributions to those conferences (e.g., Faith and Music, Faith and Writing, Faith and Science, Faith and Multiculturalism, Faith and Teaching, Faith and International Development, Worship and the Arts, etc.).

4.C. We will honor diverse forms of faculty scholarship and encourage academic departments to support them.

- 4.C.1. Throughout the hiring and reappointment process, academic departments will be encouraged to think broadly and strategically about how to encourage and evaluate a variety of scholarly career models.
 - Recognize models for community-based scholarship and provide support for this work.
 - Recognize the scholarship of teaching and learning and provide support for this work.
 - Recognize performance as scholarship and provide support for this work.