Fundraising at Penn State: How All The Pieces Fit Together

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Defining Our Program

Penn State has a centrally coordinated development program with a strong commitment to delivering core services to academic leaders, unit-based development offices, and volunteers within a multicampus, constituency-based fundraising environment.





What Are Some of the Pieces?

- 42 fundraising units, 24 campuses, and 300 staff members
- 8,700 managed prospects
- 500+ campaign volunteers
- 13,000 contacts to prospects annually
- 750 major gift solicitations annually
- 281,000 gifts and 163,000 donors
- About \$180 million gift receipts
- More than 5,500 separate endowments





Who are the Key Players?

Volunteer Committees

Serving campuses, colleges, units, and central program offices

Academic Leaders

President, vice presidents, deans, and chancellors

Central Development

Programs and staff

Unit Development

Programs and Staff





How Do We Manage Traffic?

Prospect Tracking System (PTS)

- Individual Staff Principal (SP) assigned to each prospect
- SP coordinates all contact with the prospect
- Other Staff (OS) may be assigned to prospect based on multiple interests of prospect
- Focuses on prospects rated \$50,000 or more
- Report of Contact (ROC) filed for each substantive contact
- Proposed solicitations of \$25,000 or more are cleared by Associate VP before they are submitted to the prospect
- Communication and the Golden Rule are key





Who Gets To Solicit Whom?

Factors for determining solicitation approval:

- The expressed interest of the prospect—first and foremost
- Staff knowledge of prospect's interest
- Past giving of prospect
- Academic/Unit affiliation
- Staff review/discussion:
 - Major Prospect Discussion
 - Leadership Gift Discussion
- Competing interests/Honest brokers/Joint solicitations





A few remaining points...

- Prospects you identify may or may not be assigned already
- Keep your staff liaison informed of pertinent contact with prospect
- Prospects not seen in 12 months may be reassigned
- Invitations to small group events (fewer than 20) must be cleared with SP





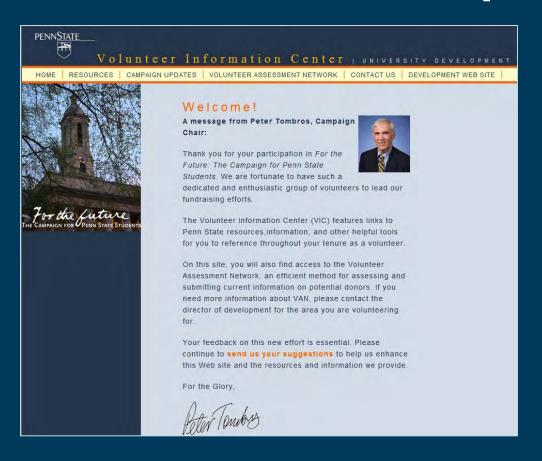
Growing Impact of Private Support

Fiscal Year	State Appropriation	Private Support Plus Endowment Payout	Ratio State: Private
1983	\$143,481,000	\$18,147,000	\$1:\$.13
1990	\$240,072,000	\$62,433,000	\$1:\$.26
1996	\$269,141,000	\$98,852,000	\$1:\$.37
2003	\$322,592,000	\$232,707,000	\$1:\$.72
2008	\$352,782,000	\$241,861,000	\$1:\$.69





Volunteer Information Center www.vic.psu.edu



- The Volunteer Information Center (VIC) serves as a onestop resource for our campaign volunteers.
- You will need to long on with a username and password (provided by the director of development you are working with).
- The Web site is updated often, so be sure to visit frequently.





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Up-to-date campaign information:

- Press releases
- Campaign materials
- Links to important Penn State and Development information
- Access to the Volunteer
 Assessment Network



