Global Aeronautic Initiative Update

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• History
• Opportunity
• Process
• Where we are today
Campus was created after the closure of Schilling Air Force Base in 1965.
Polytechnic Campus is home to a prestigious aviation program.
Unmanned Aircraft Systems are the wave of the future
Ranked as the No. 2 college in the nation for UAS in 2016.
Students receive a hands-on approach to learning UAS technology.

- UAS Flight and Operations
- UAS Design and Integration
Campus is adjacent to Salina Regional Airport’s 12,300-foot runway.
Building on our strengths

Innovation
- Research and discovery

Talent
- Access to faculty expertise
- Undergraduate and graduate talent pipeline

Professional development
- Specialized executive education
- Technology-based training
Changing Funding Model: The New Normal

- General state appropriations continue to decrease
Partners

Local
• City of Salina
• Saline County
• Salina Airport Authority
• Salina Chamber of Commerce
• Salina Community Economic Development Organization

Other
• Federal and state government
• Private sector
Strategies for Global Leadership

• Strategic capacity building
• Facilities and airspace
• Corporate partnerships
• National and global awareness
• Corporate R&D and training
• Emerging company attraction
• Science and technology commercialization
• Start-up opportunities
• Talent pipeline
• Competitive grants
• Curriculum development
Internal market analysis

External market study: Third party validation study

Federal research opportunity assessment

Business and financial plan development

Implementation decision

- March - June 2017
- May - July 2017
- April - June 2017
- June - July 2017
- August 2017
The Experience Matters