CHAPTER 2

MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

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2.010. Statutory References. Truman State University is a public corporation organized and existing under
the provisions of Chapters 172 and 174 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Section 174.600 of the
statutes provides that:

The "Truman State University" located in Kirksville, Adair County, is hereby designated and
shall hereafter be operated as a statewide institution of liberal arts and sciences.

The foregoing section was a part of House Bill No. 196, which was passed during the first regular
session of the 86th General Assembly and signed by Governor John D. Ashcroft on June 20, 1985, in
a ceremony on the University's campus. The provisions of House Bill No. 196 became effective on
January 1, 1986, and are set forth in Sections 174.600 through 174.630 of the statutes. These sections
were further amended in 1995 to effect the University's name change.

Source: Chapters 172 and 174, Revised Statutes of Missouri

2.020. Mission Statement. The current mission of the University is stated in the following manner.

The mission of Truman State University is to offer an exemplary undergraduate education to
well-prepared students, grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, in the context of a public
institution of higher education. To that end the University offers affordable undergraduate
studies in the traditional arts and sciences, as well as selected preprofessional, professional,
and masters level programs that grow naturally out of the philosophy, values, content, and
desired outcomes of a liberal arts education.
2.030. University Strategic Plan. The value of proper planning is recognized by the Board of Governors.

The current University Strategic Plan providing guidance for the future of the University is entitled

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and was approved by the Board of Governors on August 6, 2011. This strategic plan supersedes all previous long-range plans previously approved by the Board of Governors. A copy of the plan will be made available for review on Truman’s web page.