

## CMIS Advisory Committee Priority Categories

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The following priority categories and definitions were adopted at the December 15, 2003 CMIS Advisory Committee meeting. The categories are listed in priority order, from highest priority to lowest.

### **Mandated**

These projects are required by entities outside K-State, originating from changes to governmental laws (Federal or State), Board of Regents mandates, etc. These projects have to be done, no matter what. We have no choice.

### **Mission Critical**

These projects are generated from inside K-State and are essential to the ongoing operation of the university. If we don't do these projects, it will have a direct, almost fatal effect on the institution and our ability to fulfill our mission. These projects are about survival – if we don't do them, the institution can't operate. These are critical projects that impact a large number of people. A large majority, if not all, of these projects should be done.

### **Strategic**

These projects closely align with the university's mission, planning themes, and/or IT strategic direction. They are very important projects, but not necessarily critical. Failure to do them is not fatal to the institution; we can carry on okay without them, but it will likely hinder our ability to progress and grow in the future. Without them we'll merely maintain the status quo. As many of these projects as possible should get done, as long as there are resources available after the mission critical and mandated projects are committed.

### **Discretionary**

These projects are not necessarily strategic, but they would be beneficial to the university. These are often fun projects that would enhance the mission of the university or the department sponsoring the project, but are not necessary for fulfilling our mission. If they don't happen, some people may be disappointed but it won't affect the university's ability to operate. Very few of these projects get done.

### **Inappropriate**

Given our mission and/or resource limitations, it does not make sense to pursue these projects at any time in the near future. These projects never make it on the list of approved or pending projects.