Examples of significant forms of national recognition:

National Academy membership and awards at the level of the Nobel Prize are unusual enough that any “targets” are purely speculative. As SUS institutions and programs raise their levels of research activity and national prominence, however, it would be expected that there would be additional national and international recognition.

Since these awards and National Academy memberships are, by design, exceptional and not to be expected every year, the number awarded in the previous five years is given. To create a better link with recent levels of SUS research and creative activity, only those given to faculty who had been in the SUS for three or more years were included.

I.C.5.a. National Academy Membership

Membership in the national academies (Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science, and National Academy of Engineering) is granted to only a small percentage of prominent researchers. For membership lists, see http://www.nationalacademies.org/

I.C.5.b. Major Awards

Of all the national and international awards, the Nobel Prize (http://www.nobel.se/), the Pulitzer Prize (http://www.pulitzer.org/), and the MacArthur Fellowships (http://www.macfdn.org/) signal a unique national achievement. They are often, although not always, awarded to university faculty and cover a range of fields of achievement in science, humanities, and social science.

I.C.5.c. Highly Cited Scholars

The Web of Science citation service compiles lists of the most frequently cited scholars in each of 21 fields. Other measures of faculty productivity could be used, but this is a good high-level indicator of the number of influential researchers in the system. See: http://her3.isiknowledge.com/home.cgi/

I.C.5.d.- Other Measures

Individual institutions may wish to suggest other types of significant recognition in their plans. In general, specific numerical “targets” would not be expected.