

## UNO's Metropolitan University Shareable Description

### Definition:

The Metropolitan University, defined in its simplest terms, is an institution that accepts all of higher education's traditional values in teaching, research, and service, but takes upon itself the additional responsibility of providing engaged leadership within the metropolitan region by using its human and financial resources as partners to improve the region's quality of life.

Adapted from Paige E. Mulhollan

"Aligning Missions with Public Expectations: The Case of the Metropolitan Universities", *Metropolitan Universities: An Emerging Model in American Higher Education, 1995*

### Narrative:

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is dedicated to the city and state in our name. Omaha is our campus and classroom. No fences or barriers separate students from the opportunities offered by the greater Omaha area and beyond. We address real issues, providing relevant learning opportunities which uniquely prepare our graduates as professionals and active members of their community.

As a good neighbor, for more than a century, we actively engage in the teaching, research, service, culture, and economy of the region and strengthen the quality of life in Omaha.

Success at UNO means success for Omaha, and success for Omaha means success at UNO.

All of this is what a "Metropolitan University" identity means to Mavericks.

### Metropolitan University Criteria:

The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities and the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities provide several criteria applying to such institutions in the United States

- Dedication to achieving excellence through teaching, research, and public service
- A diverse student body reflecting the demographic composition of the region
- Responsiveness and service to the local region as part of the university's mission while striving for national excellence
- Serves the region not only by providing an educated citizenry and workforce, but also as a cultural and intellectual resource
- Engages in partnerships with other local organizations
- Uses practical experience in the urban setting to enhance students' education