

# Operational Planning in Anaplan for Higher Education Institutions



Operational Planning in Anaplan provides institutions a consolidated and user-friendly software platform that enables the coordination, development, and management of a university's annual strategic and operational plans together with its goals, initiatives, and associated KPIs.

Anaplan addresses common challenges with many institutions current operational planning approach, they can include:

**Multiple Applications and Manual Processes:** The use of multiple applications, including heavy reliance on Excel and manual processes, resulting in significant effort required to coordinate and monitor initiative progress and resource allocation.

**Limited Visibility and Collaboration:** There is limited ability to see interdependencies between initiatives. This limits opportunities for cross-collaboration between Faculty and Divisions and coordination of efforts at strategic and functional levels. Additionally, there's a lack of ability to quickly see initiatives against key attributes and escalate issues to leadership.

**Managing Governance Rights:** Initiatives are managed in a decentralised structure, with multiple stakeholders involved in initiative design and delivery. The current approach is susceptible to information asymmetry, errors, and version control issues.

Together with maximising efficiency and automation of information to enable greater focus on strategic decision making, transparency, and collaboration. Anaplan enables universities to focus on strategic and operational planning, project interdependencies, risks, and performance functionality.

Anaplan, will support the coordination, development, and management of a university's annual operational plan. Features include:

- **Show alignment of key operational planning elements:** Namely, themes, strategic priorities, initiatives, and KPIs from across the University in one location.
- **Retain key initiative metadata:** Including project lead, timeline, key risks, KPIs, and budget.
- **Enable progress tracking of KPIs:** Through real-time updates and automated reporting.
- **Produce well-designed dashboards and reports:** To summarise operational plan progress throughout the planning cycle.
- **Store different plans (functional, strategic, operational):** And assign initiatives to several plans for the purpose of reporting.



# About Anaplan

Anaplan is the only scenario planning and analysis platform designed to optimize decision-making in today's complex business environment so that enterprises can outpace their competition and the market. By building connections and collaboration across organizational silos, our platform intelligently surfaces key insights — so businesses can make the right decisions, right now. More than 2,400 of the world's best brands have continually optimized their decision-making by partnering with Anaplan.

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## Project Hierarchy



## Key Benefits of Using Anaplan:

- **Centralised Data Hub:** Consolidate data from multiple sources into a single source of truth.
- **Powerful Modelling Capabilities:** Simulate complex scenarios and optimise resource allocation.
- **Collaborative Planning:** Foster collaboration among teams and improve alignment on goals.
- **Advanced Analytics and Reporting:** Gain valuable insights and automate report generation.
- **Scalability and Flexibility:** Adapt to changing business needs and integrate with other systems.
- **Real-time Updates:** Real-time data updates ensure that everyone is working with the most current information.
- **Adaptive Planning:** Allows for dynamic and flexible planning, adapting to changes as they occur.
- **Better Compliance and Security:** Centralised Security Protocols, easier to implement and manage security measures on a single platform.
- **Compliance Management:** Simplifies compliance with regulatory requirements by centralising control.
- **Cost Efficiency and Reduced Overheads:** Maintaining and training staff on one platform is more cost-effective than managing multiple systems.
- **Resource Optimisation:** Streamlines resources and reduces redundant processes.