

Quad Cities Persistence and Completion Team Agenda  
Meeting 1: March 27, 2014, 4:00 PM  
Sherman 205 connected to Riverfront 103

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Power Point Academy overview delayed until the next meeting due to technical difficulties.
3. Academy Updates
  - a. Kristi Mindrup and Sara Lytle are providing the High Learning Commission with an up[date of Western's Academy participation to date.
  - b. Western's Academy Mentor, Dr. Mike Wilds from Northeastern State University, and the Commission's Senior Scholar, Dr. Robert Mundhenk will review and provide feedback to the University.
  - c. Joe will share Commission feedback at a subsequent meeting.
4. Updates and Membership of Other Teams
  - a. Team membership as of March 27, 2014 is contained at the end of these minutes.
5. Team Resources
  - a) Lindsay Fender created a Western Illinois University Persistence and Completion Academy Website. It is available at [www.wiu.edu/university\\_planning/hlc/index.php](http://www.wiu.edu/university_planning/hlc/index.php). Feedback for website enhancements should be sent to Lindsay at [L-Fender@wiu.edu](mailto:L-Fender@wiu.edu).
  - b) Data sources that will support the team's work are available at [www.wiu.edu/university\\_planning/hlc/SupportingMaterials.php](http://www.wiu.edu/university_planning/hlc/SupportingMaterials.php).
- 4) Initial Thoughts About Factors Influencing Persistence of New Quad Cities Students.
  - a) Team discussions focused on:
    - i) Child care availability
    - ii) Balancing work and school commitments
    - iii) University affordability
    - iv) Growing student unmet financial need
    - v) Need to see the return on investment value for attending college
    - vi) Resources for expansion (academic and student service support)
    - vii) Academic preparation-and support services available to students
    - viii) Student preference to do all four years at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
    - ix) Socioeconomic status and feelings of not belonging
    - x) Course availability-and understanding cancelling a section can delay graduation
    - xi) When there is only one section of a course, QC students are competing against others with higher registration priority
    - xii) Importance of career counseling
    - xiii) Student veteran status
    - xiv) Increase ethnic diversity
    - xv) University barriers to student success
- 5) The WIU Framework and Goals (displayed below) were overviewed.

FRAMEWORK: What do students bring with them? What happens to students while enrolled at the institution?

GOAL #1: Identify subsets of "at risk" students, then explore what factors allow "at risk" students who persist to be successful

ACTION 1: Create summary report of "at risk" factors with supporting data

ACTION 2: Identify subsets of students who perform academically and retain better than predicted

ACTION 3: Investigate qualitative factors that allow at risk students to be successful

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- 6) Sub-teams were formed and asked to discuss how our initial thoughts (from Point #4) align with Framework, Goal #1, and Action #1. There will be team reports at the next meeting.
  - a) Qualitative Team: Kristi Mundrup, Terri Hare, and Everett Hamner
  - b) Quantitative Team: Lindsay Fender, Curtis Williams, Dana Requet, and Michael
- 7) Group Discussion on combining Qualitative and Quantitative Data and identify next steps in relation to the WIU Framework and Goals
  - a) It was suggested that more information about the Quad Cities and students served would be helpful before these discussions occurred. As a result from these conversations:
    - i) The Quad Cities View Book is available at [www.wiu.edu/university\\_planning/hlc/SupportingMaterials.php](http://www.wiu.edu/university_planning/hlc/SupportingMaterials.php)
    - ii) Joe will present the Quad Cities Annual Report at the next team meeting.
- 8) Old Business
  - a) Not applicable for the first meeting
- 9) New Business
  - a) None.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Friday, May 16, 3PM, Sherman 205 and Riverfront 239.

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Current Team Members as of March 27, 2014  
(87 appointments to date)

**Academy Steering Team (20 team members)**

- Gary Biller, Vice President Student Services/Co-Chair
- Joe Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning/Co-Chair
- Angela Bonifas, Associate Director, Institutional Research and Planning
- Andy Borst, Director, Admissions
- Chris Brown, Administrative Aide, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
- Rick Carter, Director, Distance Learning, International Studies, and Outreach
- Lindsay Fender, Assistant to the Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
- Rhonda Kline, Director, Institutional Research and Planning
- Angela Lynn, University Registrar
- Sara Lytle, Assistant Director, Admissions
- Kristi Mindrup, Assistant Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
- Dana Moon, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education and Human Services/President, Council of Administrative Personnel
- Wendi Mattson, Office Manager, Theatre and Dance/President, Civil Service Employees Council
- Brenda Parks, Director, Administrative Information Management Services
- Nancy Parsons, Associate Provost
- Padmaja Pillutla, Associate Professor, Accountancy and Finance/Chair, Quad Cities Faculty Council
- Steve Rock, Professor, Economics and Decision Sciences/Chair, Faculty Senate
- Roger Runquist, Director, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research
- Jennifer Tibbitts, Assistant Director, General Studies Degree Program
- Ron Williams, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs

**Macomb Freshmen (21 team members)**

- Nancy Parsons, Associate Provost/Co-Chair
- Sara Lytle, Assistant Director, Admissions/Co-Chair
- Andy Borst, Director, Admissions
- Gary Biller, Vice President, Student Services
- Tara Buchannan, Director, Disability Support Services
- Katrina Daytner, Professor, Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Holly Fecht, Chief Accountant, Foundation and Development
- Emily Gorlewski, Assistant Director, Center for International Studies
- Jennie Hemingway, Instructor, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration
- Sarah Jewell, Assistant Director, Admissions
- David Lane, Professor, Psychology
- Wendi Mattson, Office Manager, Theatre and Dance/President, Civil Service Employees Council
- Jessica Mueller, Assistant Director, Student Judicial Programs
- Mishelle Oaks, Director, Residential Life
- Steve Rock, Professor, Economics and Decision Sciences/Chair, Faculty Senate
- Joe Roselieb, Director, Residential Facilities/Alumni Council Member
- Michelle Terry, Academic Advisor, College of Business & Technology
- Connie Upton, Office Manager, Psychology
- Heriberto Urby, Assistant Professor, Health Sciences
- Ron Williams, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs
- Michelle Yager, Director, University Advising and Academic Services Center

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**Quad Cities (17 team members)**

- Joe Rives, Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning/Co-Chair
- Kristi Mindrup, Assistant Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning/Co-Chair
- Angela Bonifas, Associate Director, Institutional Research and Planning/Co-Chair
- Audrey Adamson, Assistant Director, Quad Cities Student Services
- Bob Andersen, Director, Financial Aid
- Scott Brouette, Assistant Director, Quad Cities Student Services
- Ryan M Colclasure, Instructor, Psychology
- Lindsay Fender, Assistant to the Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning
- Alex Hall, Financial Aid Adviser
- Everett Hamner, Assistant Professor, English
- Terri Hare, Director, University Scholarship Activities
- Angela Lynn, Registrar
- Blair McDonald, Associate Professor, Engineering
- Jim Patterson, Assistant Dean, College of Business and Technology-Quad Cities
- Dana Requet, Admissions Counselor, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities
- Kenny Wheeler, Academic Advisor
- Curtis Williams, Associate Director, Quad Cities Student Services

**Off-Campus Students (22 team members)**

- Rick Carter, Director, Distance Learning, International Studies, and Outreach/Co-Chair
- Roger Runquist, Director, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research/Co-Chair
- Jennifer Tibbitts, Assistant Director, General Studies Degree Program/Co-Chair
- Christine Anderson, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
- Kim Dodson, Assistant Professor, Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
- Stacy Dorethy, Office Manager, Art
- John Drea, Associate Dean, College of Business and Technology
- Anne Gregory, Chair, Curriculum and Instruction
- Hoyet Hemphill, Chair, Instructional Design and Technology
- Leanda Hemphill, Professor, Instructional Design and Technology
- Kris Kelly, Alumni Council Representative
- Teresa Koltzenburg, Assistant Director, University Relations
- Lloyd Kilmer, Assistant Dean, College of Education and Human Services-Quad Cities
- Rhonda Kline, Director, Institutional Research and Planning
- In Lee, Professor, Computer Science
- Kristi Mindrup, Assistant Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
- Lea Monahan, Director, School of Nursing
- Holly Nikels, Professor, Counselor Education
- Padmaja Pillutla, Associate Professor, Accountancy and Finance/Chair, Quad Cities Faculty Council
- Emeric Solymossy, Professor, Management and Marketing
- Jeanette Thomas, Professor, Biological Sciences
- Connie Upton, Office Manager, Psychology

**Data/Facilitation Team (8)**

- Angela Bonifas, Associate Director, Institutional Research and Planning
- Lindsay Fender, Assistant to the Vice President, Quad Cities and Planning
- Rhonda Kline, Director, Institutional Research and Planning

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