

Quad Cities Persistence and Completion Team Agenda
Meeting 3: June 19, 2014, 9:00 AM
Sherman 205 and Riverfront 103

1. Call To Order and Roll Call

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

2. Academy Updates

- a. Confirm Focus populations: Veterans and First Generation Students
- b. Defining the First Year Experience.
 - i. Admissions
 - ii. New Student Orientation
 - iii. University 100
 - iv. CORE
 - v. Advisement

3. Old Business

- a. Academy Mentor and Senior Scholar Feedback (Handout)
- b. Quad Cities Student/Qualitative Analysis (Kristi)
- c. Benchmark Institutions
- d. Follow-Up Items from the Last Meeting
 - i. Adjustments to the Quad Cities Student Survey
 - ii. Discussion/Overview of Transfer Year Experience

4. New Business

- a. Adding Vista Members to the Team
- b. Others to Add?

5. Next Meeting Topics

- a) Discuss initial quantitative data in relation to the topics below (Lindsay Fender, Curtis Williams, Dana Requet, Michael Weinrich).
- b) Discuss initial qualitative data in relation to the topics below (Kristi Mundrup, Terri Hare, Everett Hamner, others?)
 - 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

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xv) University barriers to student success

Next meeting: Friday, July 18, 3PM, Sherman 205 and Riverfront 239.