Quad Cities Persistence and Completion Team Agenda  
Meeting 5: August 15, 2014, 3:00 PM  
Sherman 205 and Riverfront 226

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

3. Old Business
   a. Commuter and Off Campus Experience Survey (Kristi Mindrup)
   b. Updating benchmark institutions (Joe Rives)
   c. Sub-team Reports:
      i. Transfer Year Experience (Kristi Mindrup)
      ii. Ensuring All Scholarships and AmeriCorps funds are used (Curtis Williams)
      iii. Inventorying Campus Engagement Opportunities (Kristi Mindrup)
      iv. Forming Spring 2014 Undergraduate Research Day at WIU-QC (Kristi Mindrup and Michele Aurand)

4. New Business

5. Announcements

6. Future Meeting Topics
   a) How do the pieces and parts go together (Joe)
   b) Additional output measures (Joe)
   c) Discuss initial quantitative data in relation to Quad Cities students, and especially first generation and veteran students.
   d) How will we address the following issues that we initially identified as priority areas?
      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
Next meeting: Friday, September 19, 3PM, Sherman 205 and QC Complex 3420A.