

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

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Next meeting: Friday, September 19, 3PM, Sherman 205 and QC Complex 3420A.