

Quad Cities Persistence and Completion Team Agenda  
Meeting 6: October 17, 2014, 3:00 PM  
Sherman 205 and Quad Cities Complex 3420A

1. Call To Order and Roll Call
2. Academy Updates
  - a. Update to the Higher Learning Commission
3. Old Business
  - a. Commuter and Off Campus Experience Survey (On-hold)
  - b. Updating benchmark institutions (On-hold)
  - c. Sub-team Reports:
    - i. Transfer Year Experience:
      1. Ideas from benchmark institutions (Kristi and team members)
      2. Fall Orientation Survey Results (Curtis)
      3. Inventorying Campus Engagement Opportunities (Kristi)
      4. Forming Spring 2014 Undergraduate Research Day at (Michelle)
      5. Status of New Student Welcome (Joe)
4. New Business
5. Old Business and Announcements
  - a. Update on our new Homecoming Football Game Tradition (Curtis)
  - b. What changes have we made to the education experience this year or next?
    - i. New Student Welcome
    - ii. Homecoming Event
    - iii. Student Research Day
    - iv. What else?
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

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- xii) Importance of career counseling
- xiii) Student veteran status
- xiv) Increase ethnic diversity
- xv) University barriers to student success

Next meeting: Friday, November 21, 3PM, Sherman 205 and QC Complex 3420A