

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

1. Call To Order and Roll Call

Present:

Absent:

2. Academy Updates

3. Old Business

a. Commuter and Off Campus Experience Survey

- i. Placed on hold until a future meeting.

b. Updating benchmark institutions

- i. Placed on hold until a future meeting.

c. Sub-team Reports:

i. Transfer Year Experience:

1. Ideas discussed included:

- a. Giving students opportunities to learn the University's on-line platform, e-mail system, and library tools.
- b. Perhaps including the items above in major gateway courses.
- c. The need to encourage campus engagement and belonging.
- d. The importance of financial literacy and planning.

2. Kristi's team is benchmarking best practices of transfer year experiences at other colleges and universities. Team members will provide a report at the next meeting.

ii. Ensuring All Scholarships and AmeriCorps funds are used

1. All funds are being used.

iii. Inventorying Campus Engagement Opportunities

1. Placed on hold pending completion of other priorities

iv. Forming Spring 2014 Undergraduate Research Day at WIU-QC

1. The team is meeting and making progress. Details to be provided at the next meeting.

4. New Business

a. Joe, Kristi and the Quad Cities Assistant Deans will be meeting to develop a proposal to President Thomas and the Leadership Team on a fall Quad Cities New Student Welcome that is analogous to Macomb's New Student Convocation. The Quad Cities event will not be as formal as Macomb's to fit the Quad Cities culture.

b. The New Student Welcome, if approved, will be tied to the Quad Cities Block Party to further encourage student and family participation.

c. The Block Party will be expanded to all student groups to build on the success of the program sponsored by the Society of Educators.

d. Curtis will present the results of the Fall Orientation Survey at the next meeting.

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5. Old Business and Announcements
 - a. None
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: This meeting was originally scheduled for Friday, September 19, 3PM, Sherman 205 and QC Complex 3420A.