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.
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.