

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

1. Call To Order and Roll Call

Present: Audrey Adamson, Angela Bonifas, Scott Brouette, Heather Calvert, Ryan Colclasure, Sue Daggit (for Angela Lynn), Everett Hamner, Debbie Lee, Blair McDonald, Kristi Mindrup, Joe Rives, Janine Wilker, Kenny Wheeler, and Curtis Williams

Absent: Bob Andersen, Michelle Aurand, Hather Crouch, Terri Hare, Jim Patterson, Jim Rabchuk, Dana Requet, Michael Weinrich, Tammy Werner

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. The team presented benchmarking results from Augustana College, Illinois State University, National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition, Saint Louis University, University of Northern Iowa University of Iowa, and the Macomb Campus on best practices in student retention and how these align to National Survey of Student Engagement Indicators in beginning to conceptualize a transfer year experience on the Quad Cities Campus. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
    2. Fall Orientation Survey. The survey will be administered in October. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
    3. Inventorying Campus Engagement Opportunities (On-hold)
    4. Forming Spring 2014 Undergraduate Research Day. A program for the first week in May is being planned. Michelle will give an update at the next meeting.
    5. Status of New Student Welcome. The Vice Presidents and President Thomas have been supportive of this new event. The Leadership Team will discuss one more time, and Joe will provide an update.

4. New Business

- a. Ryan expressed interest in working on quantitative data analysis. This will begin in December.
- b. The Team expressed interest in learning more about National Survey of Student Engagement high impact practices.
- c. The Team expressed interest in an on-line orientation. Emily Brooks is working on this initiative, and will be invited to the next meeting.
- d. Heather Calvert will supply Joe the Team information on courses financial aid consortium students return to the community college to complete.

5. Old Business and Announcements

- a. Update on our new Homecoming Football Game Tradition: 72 participants were in attendance for our first event. The program was a large success.

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- b. What changes have we made to the education experience this year or next?
  - i. Western Commitment Scholarships
  - ii. University 100
  - iii. Homecoming Event
  - iv. Student Research Day
  - v. Address Student Information Needs
    - 1. Create off-campus childcare website
  - vi. Opening Veterans Resource Center
  - vii. Transfer Year Experience (In Development)
  - viii. New Student Welcome (In Development)
  
- 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, November 21, 3PM, Sherman 205 and QC Complex 3420A