



Graduation Rate Initiative
Bi-Monthly Reporting Form
May and June 2011

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Campus: Humboldt State University

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1. What did your team commit to completing during May and June, 2011 (What did you promise)?

We expected to assemble small working groups to look at advising, course scheduling, and developing student, faculty and staff portals. A delegation was identified to attend a workshop at Evergreen State University to bring back materials to plan the faculty institute for instructors for the upcoming (fall semester) pilot of Humboldt Learning Communities - a freshman experience course.

2. What did you do and how will it help?

The HSU delegation is currently attending a workshop at Evergreen State University to finalize plans for the content of the Humboldt Learning Community course. Instructors have been identified and an institute is planned prior to the start of the fall semester to train HLC instructors.

Pedagogic transformation and student research efforts are under way and are now in the process of being evaluated for effectiveness. The College of Professional Studies sponsored a week long institute for faculty to help transform classes from traditional models to on-line.

The decision was made to fold the GRIP into a more comprehensive Enrollment Management Advisory Committee. An Enrollment Management Plan is currently under development that will provide a blueprint for all efforts tied to enrollment, retention and student success. Subgroups have been established to develop various sections of the plan including RETENTION & GRADUATION, RECRUITMENT, MARKETING, FINANCIAL AID/ SCHOLARSHIP, PROGRAM PLANNING, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. Within those broad categories are more focus plans for the various areas.

3. What will you accomplish in July and August?

July will generally be a fallow period due to vacations and the group is not scheduled to meet until again until August 22nd. In August, the various sub groups will meet and continue to develop the sections of the Enrollment Management Plan so that it can be vetted in draft form early in the fall semester.

Progress will continue on establishing a portal to improve communication with students (and faculty and staff).

After returning from the Evergreen State conference, the curriculum planning group for the first year experience course will finalize plans for course content, distribute it to faculty teaching the courses and set up an institute for those teaching the course before the start of the fall semester.