



Humboldt State University
Graduation Rate Initiative
Report for July and August, 2014

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Campus: Humboldt State University

Team Leader: Dr. Jenny Zorn, Interim Provost

1) What did your team commit to completing during May and June, 2014 (What did you promise)?

The new President and Interim Provost would be in place and begin to provide input and direction to our retention and graduation efforts.

Work with the Educational Advisory Board Student Success Collaborative would continue.

New student on-campus orientation would take place in late August.

The next iteration of MAP Works evaluation would begin.

The comprehensive advising plan vetted to the campus would begin being implemented.

The Right-Sizing group would begin meeting again as the semester starts in late August.

The Scheduling Working Group would meet again to continue discussions and decide on recommendations to the Interim Provost for spring 2015 course scheduling.

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

President Rossbacher and Provost Zorn began their work on campus and started consulting with staff and administrators charged with leading graduation and retention improvement efforts.

Leadership and pilot program participants in the Educational Advisory Board Student Success Initiative received training in how to effectively use their software platform to improve advising and analyze curricular effectiveness in terms of identifying course success indicators, course sequencing, and bottleneck courses. In addition, all department chairs received an overview of the platform from the EAB consultants and had the opportunity to ask questions. After a debriefing of the two day training and orientation process, the Leadership team discussed what adjustments should be made in the scope and timeline for full implementation of the platform.

Orientation and registration for freshmen and new transfer students and parents was completed with a strong emphasis on graduation in four years, transitional issues between high school and college, and identification and encouragement to use support resources for all students.

The Interim AVP for Retention and Inclusive Student Success (RISS) has initiated implementation planning of the identity-based Centers for Academic Excellence, and the next cycle of MAP Works usage.

A new director of Institutional Research is in place and has begun formulating plans to upgrade our ability to analyze data and use it in decision making.

3) What will you accomplish in September and October?

Work with EAB will continue with further training for pilot programs.

The EAB Leadership team will meet to make decisions about revising our implementation plan for the campus based on our experience in August and with a better understanding of the software platform.

The Enrollment Management Working Group will begin meeting with an emphasis on problem solving and the membership may be revised in order to better focus university resources.

The new advising plan will continue implementation starting with selected programs moving to professional advising of freshmen.

A consultant, hired by Student Affairs to review the Humboldt Orientation Program will present his findings to university leadership and they will identify next steps for the program.

The comprehensive advising plan vetted to the campus will begin being implemented.

The Scheduling Working Group will meet to continue discussions and decide on recommendations to the Interim Provost for spring 2015 course scheduling.

The Office of Institutional Research will develop reports and dashboards to provide better analytic representation of data to drive retention, course transformation and curricular decision making.

Discussions will continue regarding aligning our degree program sizes with available resources (Right-Sizing).