What did your team complete this month and how will it help?

1. The SSGI committee reviewed the latest results of the student PULSE survey given when student registered for Spring 2014 classes. Students were asked questions about things that support or impede their progress and success. For example:
   a. 63% of students indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience at SF State; 30% were neutral
   b. Students feel most connected to SF State through relationships with their fellow students and with faculty and staff
   c. Students would like to see more collaborative study spaces
   d. Changes that students felt would be most important to improving their experience at SF State were academic advising services, financial aid, and career services

2. The committee also reviewed an aggregate of senior exit surveys from 2010-2013. Examples of notable results include:
   a. An increasing percentage of students indicate that required undergraduate courses are not offered frequently enough
   b. Participation in student activities and campus employment were increasingly seen to be helpful to students making progress toward their degree

3. In the hopes of expanding the efforts of Ideas42 (described in the January/February 2014 report), SF State has submitted an APLU Transformational Planning Grant to apply theories of behavioral economics to multiple communications and interventions in order to influence how students make decisions to persist in their academic careers, particularly among the student groups most at risk for attrition (e.g., African American males, Latina/o students).

4. Faculty Ambassadors from each college have been identified to participate in summer 2014 orientation for new freshmen and transfer students.

5. Implementation of new graduation requirements effective in Fall 2014
   a. Over 100 faculty and staff advisors have been trained on the new requirements. Presentations were made to 4 college councils and a variety of offices as well as general open meetings
b. A website has been developed including information on how the requirements affect continuing students – every effort has been made to make requirements as clear as possible in this transition time as well as to provide as many choices and avenues as possible to facilitate graduation.

6. The Advising Center hosted two “Freshman Fridays” to help first year students plan for the coming year.

7. The Fall 2014 Class Schedule went live in Campus Solutions. Training materials are being created to help students, faculty, and staff understand this new tool.

8. On April 30 as the end of the semester drew near, SF State held a Stress Relief/Summer Kick-Off Day on the quad (see attached flyer) to provide students with resources related to stress relief (e.g. advising, counseling and psychological services, health center, tutoring, college resource centers)

What we hope to accomplish in the next two months.

1. Fall 2014 Registration in CS
2. Additional “Freshman Fridays”
3. Training of Faculty Ambassadors
4. Orientations and Summer Bridge programs begin, including a 2-day pilot freshman orientation
5. Recruiting of new and expanded Metro Academy cohorts for Fall 2014
6. Continue to explore e-advising and college planner options as part of the Academic & Student Success Programs efforts.
7. Improve campus communication about SSGI and student success initiatives (website, signage, other?)
2014 STRESS RELIEF DAY

SUMMER KICK-OFF

A fun filled event focusing on stress relief, health, recreation and wellness!

Tug-of-war
Ping-pong
Faculty dunk tank
Salsa dance class
Massages
The therapy dogs
and more!

Free food with a stamped ticket!

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