

Student Success and Graduation Initiative
San Francisco State University
Bi-Monthly Report

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

1. The FYE Student Learning Outcomes have been endorsed by the Academic Senate. It is well documented that a First Year Experience improves retention and graduate rates, particularly for traditionally underrepresented students.
2. The Office of Academic Institutional Research sent a survey to qualified students who did not participate in Early Priority Registration for Fall 2013. The survey asked if students planned to return in fall semester, and if they did not, why they were leaving. The notable results from the survey were:
 - a. 21% of non-registrants who answered the survey do not plan to return to SF State.
 - b. 36% said they are transferring to another college.
 - c. Of those who are transferring, 29% are going to a community college and 28% are transferring to another CSU.
 - d. The top reasons for transferring were inability to get classes (26%) and concerns about getting into an impacted major (22%).

The results will be used to inform campus and faculty leadership about reasons students leave SF State and stimulate policy discussions as we enter our campus strategic planning process.

3. The On Track to Graduate project focuses on freshmen cohorts who are entering their 6th year at SF State. If they plan to graduate in the upcoming Spring or Summer term, the On Track project allows them to apply for graduation early and get first day priority registration. The results are:
 - a. We had 235 May 2013 graduation applicants from this population of Fall 2007 freshmen. All but 21 were approved for graduation pending the final grades earned this semester. For those who are preliminarily denied, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies meets weekly

with a graduation evaluator to look for possible course substitutions to resolve preliminary denials for graduation.

- b. For the Fall 2008 FTF admits, we have 525 eligible students for the On Track program. Eligibility is based on students having 100 units earned (including their Spring 2013 enrollment). These students turned in a graduation application and degree plan by April 19th and received first day priority registration for Fall 2013 EPR.
4. On May 7th, the campus held it's first Student Success Day. Please see the attached report.
5. During this reporting period, the second Early Alert system was piloted utilizing our own course management system, iLearn. Early anecdotal reports indicate improved results compared with the Hobson platform, which was employed in previous semesters. The pilot has been expanded for Fall 2013.
6. The Faculty Ambassadors' Program continues as a part of New Student Orientation for Summer 2013. We currently have 12 ambassadors participating, representing all of the colleges offering undergraduate majors. Faculty Ambassadors will play an integral role at orientation this summer by helping to advise new freshmen and transfer students and to interact with family members and guests. This program improves advising to freshmen by including more faculty at an early stage.
7. On June 3rd, the Provost and the SSGI task force attended the Chancellor's Office webinar on the Graduation Initiative. The Chancellor's expression of support for this initiative was reassuring with regard to continued momentum for the effort. In addition, the strategies from Fresno State were particularly promising for our campus. The Provost was supportive of their approach to involving faculty more directly in the initiative.
8. A team of four SF State faculty and staff attended the northern California meeting for the Graduation Initiative on June 20th in Sacramento. The team reported a positive experience and significant sharing of methodologies from the other campuses.

What we hope to accomplish in the next two months.

1. In May, Faculty Ambassadors participated in a pre-orientation training coordinated by the Undergraduate Advising Center. Throughout June and July, the ambassadors will assist with the 33 orientation dates serving an estimated 11,000 new students, family members and guests.
2. Following the strategy employed by Fresno State, over the summer the Institutional Research analysts will create a spreadsheet that lists all

students with any of the major graduation risk factors (URM, Pell, and 1st generation). The spreadsheet will note which of the risk factors each student has, their major, their GPA, their class standing, and the number of units they have earned. Academic Affairs will distribute a listing of the students to their departments with suggestions for follow up and advising. This activity is intended to ensure that all at-risk students receive advising and support.

Student Success Day

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Time: 11:00-2:00pm

Place: University quad and Malcolm X Plaza

Cost: Free

Who: Approximately 2,400 SF State students

Purpose: To increase awareness of on-campus resources associated with student success

A 54-student RPT 400 (Programming in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism) course planned, implemented, and evaluated student success day and raised \$600 (\$300 – dunk tank; \$200 – tables; \$100 – supplies & materials).

Twenty-four campus programs associated with student success tabled during the event (e.g., Undergraduate Advising Center, Student Health Services, Campus Recreation, SF State Bookstore, Library). Two students were assigned to each table and were responsible for providing student success information as well as playing an educational game related to the resource (e.g., prizes for answering health-related trivia at the Health Center table). In addition, each student collected survey data from a minimum of 100 students.

Survey highlights: Responses with a numbers reflect 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree

Question	Response
Student Success	
What do you need to be successful at SF State Top 8 responses	
1. more accessible advising hours	5. 24-7 library
2. lower tuition	6. better wi-fi (in library)
3. more awareness of resources computers	7. more
4. tutoring during finals spirit	8. more school
What campus services do you use?	
1. Library	3. Advising
2. Computer lab	4. Health Center
Graduation Requirements	
How many units are needed to graduate from SF State?	77% (120 units)
Are you familiar with LLD and AERM requirements	80% YES (32% did not know what they were about)
Recreation	
Are you familiar with the new recreation/wellness center being	27% YES

built	
Have you participated in intramurals?	17% YES
Tutoring	
Do you know that SF State has free tutoring?	93%
Have you used campus tutoring services?	34%
Advising	
I am satisfied with the advising center	4.21
Have you used the campus advising center?	85%
Overall	
Did you learn something about student success today?	92% YES
Does SF State have the tools you need to be successful?	50% YES
I am satisfied with the academic services and resources available	4.11

SFSU Student Success Day



On May 7th, 2,400 SF State Students attended Student Success Day. An event that increased students' awareness of campus support systems.

SFSU Student Success Day



Dunk a Doctor: Professor Eric Rosegard was dunked 42 times by students, colleagues, and President Leslie Wong.

SFSU Student Success Day



Fifty-four students from the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism class on programming organized the event as a part of their course. Twenty-four campus programs offered table activities to advertise their services.

