Goal 2: Learning Community

One sentence summarizing the answer to the question: “What longer term goal are you proposing?”

Create a learning community that supports and encourages the engagement of its members in active learning.

Linkage to Strategic Plans
University of Wisconsin-Stout Strategic Plan

This goal is consistent with the University’s vision, mission and values and no modification of these statements is necessary. Includes but is not limited to:

- Develops new educational strategies that provide opportunities to learn through involvement
- Creates a climate of inquiry which involves combining theory, practice and experimentation
- Transforms the educational delivery system to be consistent with the vision of the future
- Addresses how instruction is delivered and students learn

Statement of the Issue:

One to two sentences summarizing the answer to the question: “Why is this goal necessary?”

- To clearly reaffirm the commitment of the university community to focus on the processes of active and engaged learning and to expand the number of avenues through which learning occurs in our community.
- To immediately enhance students’ learning experience and actively engage them in the diverse university community
- To promote and strengthen such a community on this campus
Identify potential university priorities: “What short-term university priorities are necessary to achieve the goal statement?”

List up to six priority statements. Strategies to accomplish the priorities, if identified, should be listed as bullets under each priority statement.

- Re-think traditional learning boundaries such as calendar and credit measurements
- Incorporate ethic and civic values into learning experience
- Expand all programs to promote engagement of students with faculty, staff, and stakeholders.

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**Students**
- Students will benefit from an approach that accommodates their dissimilar learning styles and recognizes their varied experiences
- Provides expanded pathways to student success
- Become engaged in learning communities
- Promotes success in a rapidly changing world

**Faculty/Staff**
- A renewed university commitment to learning about learning—what works and when—resulting in increased engagement with students in the learning process inside and outside the classroom
- Enhance professional experience of faculty and staff.
- Foster a trusting environment
- Professional development opportunities surrounding the learning process

**System/State**
- Increase the number of better educated citizens to meet changing workforce needs of the State of Wisconsin
- Increase the number of engaged citizens actively involved in civic responsibility
- Brain gain to the State of Wisconsin
- An increased retention rate and shorter time to degree will result in a cost saving to the State