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FOCUS 2015 University Priority

1. University Priority

“What solution are you proposing?”

Examine policies and procedures for matriculation of all students making it user friendly and borrowing from universal design.

Linkage to Strategic Plans:

Linkage to enduring goals:

- ☐ Offer high quality, challenging academic programs that influence and respond to a changing society.
- ☐ Preserve and enhance our educational processes through the application of active learning principles.
- ☐ Promote excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service.
- ☒ Recruit and retain a diverse university population
- ☐ Foster a collegial, trusting and tolerant campus climate.
- ☐ Provide safe, accessible, effective, efficient and inviting physical facilities.
- ☒ Provide responsive, efficient, and cost-effective educational support programs and services.

Linkage to FOCUS 2015 goals:

- ☐ Advance diversity knowledge, skill sets, and dispositions in students, faculty and staff
- ☐ Expand early and ongoing experiential learning opportunities including undergraduate applied research and entrepreneurship
- ☒ Develop and execute integrated enrollment management
- ☐ Focus on sustainability: President’s Climate Commitment and classroom initiatives

Linkage to action plans:

- ☐ Academic Plan
- ☐ Inclusive Excellence (Equity Scorecard)
- ☐ Climate Action Plan
- ☐ IT Plan
- ☐ Marketing Plan
- ☐ Capital Plan
- ☐ Division Plans
- ☐ Training and Development Plan

2. Statement of the Issue:

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One to two sentences summarizing the answer to the question: *“What issue are you trying to solve?”*

Possible University Priorities to advance the FOCUS 2015 goals were solicited from all faculty, staff and students. In addition, the SPG reviewed FOCUS 2015 progress updates, facts and figures and emerging issues. The Strategic Planning Group also received updates from the groups assigned as responsible for the fall 2009 priorities.

A list of possible University Priority ideas was developed based on the above data and information, and was presented to the SPG on 6/21. Small groups made recommendations as to which items should move forward as a University Priority in fall 2010.

The Chancellor reviewed the recommendations from the small groups and selected the following as the University Priority for fall 2010:

- Examine policies and procedures for matriculation of all students making it user friendly and borrowing from universal design

This item was selected for the following reasons:

- Builds on the work that began on the fall 2009 University Priority in this area.
- Contains the ideas recommended by the small group.
- Aligns with the Educational Attainment proposal submitted by UW-Stout.

3. Action Plan:	Responsible:	Timeline:
<i>“What has to be done for this priority to succeed?”</i>	<i>“Who are the positions or people that will be responsible for each step?”</i>	<i>MUST be specific target completion date.</i>
Investigate the providing of user friendly methods of payment for tuition and fees that are more convenient than currently offered options; consider on-line delivery options. Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Registration and Records, Student Business Office (primary), Information Technology, Student Service Units including Housing.	June 30, 2011
Investigate the elimination of the paper add/drop card. Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Registration and Records, Faculty Senate/EAC (primary).	December 31, 2010
Investigate allowing students to add/drop classes up to the first day of class and then during the first few days of class. Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Registration and Records, Faculty Senate/EAC (primary).	December 31, 2010

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Investigate the use of online waitlists. Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Registration and Records, Faculty Senate/EAC (primary).	December 31, 2010
Investigate the possibility of informing students of important dates regarding refunds and withdrawals important dates. Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Registration and Records, Information Technology, Faculty Senate/EAC (primary), Business Office	June 30, 2011
Investigate a system in which each individual course has its own individual schedule which allows for add/drops outside of the traditional academic calendar. (Review BOR policies) Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	University Registrar, Faculty Senate/Educational Activities Committee (primary); Business office; Financial Aid office	June 30, 2011
Investigate joining the other UW System colleges that participate in the "Return to Wisconsin" program – a System initiative whereby children of alums are given in-state tuition to participating institutions. Stout should join. This requires BOR approval (differential tuition). Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Admission and Enrollment Services (primary). Foundation office	June 30, 2011
Investigate scholarship application process to be streamlined allowing for the submission of materials on-line and eliminating the paper copies for reviewers. Reviewers would be requested to access materials electronically. Provide a summary report to the Chancellor.	Alumni Foundation, Information Technology, Enrollment Management and Admissions, University Community and Alumni Reviewers, Dave Williams (primary)	June 30, 2011
Automation of distribution of transcripts (online service)	Enrollment Services	September 2010

4. Implication for Resources:

“What is needed for this priority to succeed?”
(Human, fiscal, physical, other)

5. Key Measures of Performance:

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It is the expectation that priority owners will be using/maintaining the process measures to assess action plan deployment. At the end of the fiscal year, the Strategic Planning Group will review and discuss the implementation progress and impact.

Process Measures:

Identify no more than two process measures when answering the question:

“What information will be collected to assess successful deployment of the action plan?”

Performance Indicators:

BPA is responsible for benchmarking overall performance to answer the question:

“What information will be collected to benchmark and measure the priority’s success?”