

SST Update

The IOWA Challenge:



We have been working with the Capstone course in Student Development, a year long course for 2nd year Master's students. They are completing learning outcomes and an assessment plan for the Challenge. An implementation group, coordinated by Emil Rinderspacher, has met to share how the Challenge is being integrated into various courses and programs. The new IOWA Challenge website (photo) is coming along and will include testimonials and strategies related to meeting and teaching the Challenge.

Pick One:

Pick One currently has over 1500 HC1 students registered. Another 300 have a pick in their "shopping cart" but haven't finalized it. We will be doing a special email to these individuals this week. The top Picks are Dance Marathon, Intramurals, Fraternities and Sororities, Performing Arts, Campus Employment, and Volunteering. An assessment survey will go out early in the spring semester, and will be paired with focus groups. We will also work to find a couple of current first year students who are interested in serving as an ongoing advisory panel for the



Steering Committee, in order to gather valuable student input. We have sent emails to nearly 30 organizations with their lists of Pick One students, encouraging them to reach out to the students and create a welcoming environment to get involved.

Convocation:

A survey assessing Convocation outcomes will go out in the next week to a random sample of 2,000 first year students. The survey includes questions on memorable aspects of Convocation, whether students felt welcomed into the UI community, and if the ceremony helped instill a sense of identity for the Class of 2013. Results will be shared with SST when they are analyzed.

SST Ambassadors:

Eleven new SST members were welcomed as Ambassadors in their areas. SST Ambassadors serve as point people within their departments, and help to promote the importance of student success.

Ambassadors are now in place in Housing, Office of Student Life, University Libraries, Department of Health and Sport Studies, WRAC, Tippie College of Business, Financial Aid, Academic Advising, College of Nursing, Registrar's Office, Communication Studies, among others.

Action Committees:

The **Early Intervention** committee is continuing to work together on specific actionable items related to their charge. They are refining the specifics of a "trigger list" including what intervention (phone call, email, letter, meeting) should be provided in each instance (not completing AlcoholEdu, dropping two or more classes, etc.), who will deliver the intervention, when will it be delivered, and how will it be tracked. The group is also developing a formal exit interview protocol to be used in various offices that may have contact with students when they choose to withdraw.

They are continuing to coordinate some staff follow-up contacts with the MAPWorks group. The Committee is adding faculty members, and already has two on board with two more to come (hopefully). They have continued to use the information from the Barriers committee, for instance, on registration holds. Fall data on holds was distributed: 13% of frosh have health hold, 12% have financial hold, 1% dean of students hold, 3% AlcoholEdu.

We expect reports soon from the **Student Academic Engagement** and **Centralizing Research and Assessment** committees.

SST Communications: Working with Lin Larson (along with Emil Rinderspacher and Liz Whitt) to look at more cohesive and coordinated communications regarding SST initiatives. This will include a revision of the website to allow for easier updates.

Meetings: About 80 people attended the **Retreat**. Unfortunately, Larry Roper was ill and could not facilitate. Additional committees may be charged as a result of the work at the Retreat.

Next **SST Large Group** meeting will be December 1st, 1-2:30, Bijou Theatre, IMU. David Gier, Chair of the Strategic Task Force on Undergraduate Education and Success present on the group's work and lead a discussion with SST members.