

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM SUMMER RETREAT

July 23, 2007 – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

University Capitol Center, The University of Iowa

Agenda

- I. *Welcome and Overview* 10:00 – 10:15
 1. Introductions
 2. Overview of Retreat Schedule and Processes
 3. Review Retreat Purposes : (1) Report on the activities related to the SST so far, and (2) Generate an agenda for student success, including actions and priorities, for the next 12-18 months.

- II. *Report on Current SST Initiatives* 10:15 - 10:35
 1. Learning Communities Task Force (Pat Folsom)
 2. Research Coordination Council (Joyce Moore)
 3. The “Message” Project (Elizabeth Whitt)
 4. Outcomes Assessment (Elizabeth Whitt)

- III. *Creating an Agenda for Student Success at UI* 10:50 – 1:20 (w/breaks, lunch)

Goal: Identify, categorize, and establish priorities among specific actions the University should take in the 12-18 months to advance student success.

 1. Defining “student success” for the purposes of our discussion:
 2. Small Group Brainstorming and Discussion 10:50 – 11:50

Task: Generate a list of actions (e.g., programs, policies, practices) the University should take to advance student success.

Questions to consider: What issues, concerns, and/or needs will the proposed actions address, and why do you think so? What positive conditions will they enhance? In what ways do you think they will enhance student success and why? What barriers and facilitating forces might affect implementing this action? Within your small group, on what actions can you reach consensus, and on what actions is there disagreement, and why?
 3. Small Groups Report Results; Large Group Discussion 12:00 – 12:50

Tasks: Report actions identified by the group; identify themes or common actions across the small groups; summarize key points from small group discussions (e.g., concerns, barriers, priorities)
 4. Participants Identify Priorities; Large Group Discussion 12:50 – 1:20

Tasks: Each participant will receive 3 post-it stickers to ‘spend’ on actions; review results and identify top priorities for further discussion.

IV. *Next Steps*

1:20 – 1:55

1. Small Group Discussions

Tasks: Participants discuss top priorities from large group to identify possible next steps for the SST Exec group and the SST. Questions to consider include:

- i. What are the resource (e.g., human, financial) implications of pursuing this action?
 - ii. What units and stakeholders are most affected by and/or should be most involved with pursuing action?
 - iii. What environmental conditions will facilitate and/or hinder taking this action? How might the facilitating factors be enhanced? How might the barriers be addressed?
 - iv. In general, how realistic is this action? Why do you think so? And what advice would you have for pursuing it?
 - v. What are the 'next steps' in pursuing this action?
2. Large Group Discussion: What happens next? (for the priorities, for the SST, for the participants in the retreat)

V. *Thanks and Adjournment*

1:55 – 2:00