

2006/2007 Iowa City Strategic Goal Actions

Strategic Goal: Provide a solution for computer lab crowding and computer classroom access.

Summary:

We have move the computer lab from room 262 to rooms 104 and 107. The wall between 104 and 017 was removed and this allowed us to add six computer stations to the lab. Plus we have added 10 lap tops that can be checked out and used with the wireless network which was added to our facility. By moving the computer lab we have added a large classroom 262. However, we gave up two computer classrooms 104 and 107 we made 205 a computer classroom and have a mobile cart with 30 computers that can be checked out, therefore, restoring the two computer classrooms. This has all been completed and will be operational for the first day of class fall 2007.

Strategic Goal: Develop a Partnership with the Mark Twain Elementary school in Science.

Summary:

Mark Twain is an Elementary school less than two blocks from our facility. It has a high risk student population and is on a watch list in the science area. They asked u if we could help them with their science curriculum. The 2006/2007 academic year was mainly a planning year. Our science faculty met with the science faculty from Mark Twain on two occasions to explore their curriculum and determine how we could provide them with help. One meeting was on a cold Saturday at Mark Twain and the other at our facility after school. We have determined that we will work with the third and forth grade students next year both at their school and by bringing their students to our labs for some of the curriculum. Jason Taylor is coordinating the project from our end and Julie Busch is coordinating for Mark Twain.

During the 2006/2007 year we did have all of the Mark Twain second graders in our science labs on our April 6th Friday Holiday for some science demonstrations by our faculty. We extended that and had an Art Fair were the second graders displayed a work of art related to science in our art gallery for a week. This partnership will be a continued goal.

Strategic Goal: Measure the effects of Student Success Seminars on student progress.

Summary:

We developed an instrument to identify the seminars students felt were most useful. The topics for the seminars have been narrowed and focused on the results for the student survey. We looked at student persistence and grade point average starting with the fall of 2005 through the spring of 2007 to see if student who were enrolled in the selected courses and attended the seminars persisted longer and had a higher grade point than students at the main campus enrolled in similar courses without the seminar and all other Iowa City students. The results were mixed in both persistence and GPA. Therefore, our conclusion was that we would continue the study for at least another four terms to determine if the Success Seminar intervention was a worthwhile project.

Strategic Goal: Provide programming for under prepared students.

Summary:

We identified an area in the Annex where we could develop a tutoring center and worked with facilities to develop the tutoring area. Sherry worked with the faculty to identify the areas where group tutoring would be most effective and together with the faculty identified group tutors. We also surveyed the students to determine if they were satisfied with the tutoring services they had received. The results of the survey indicated that they from 85% to 100% of the time they were often or always satisfied with the tutoring they received.

Strategic Goal: Provide curricular opportunities to meet goal of students continuing their education.

Summary:

We have only partially completed this goal and will need to continue working on it throughout the next year. We are informing faculty of discipline specific transfer issues to the University of Iowa and others we know of. We are in the process of developing groups addressing issues related to mandatory placement, prerequisites. We have not reviewed the data relative to transfer to the University of Iowa. However, we believe the data is available again and will make that a priority for the next year.