

STRATEGIC GOALS '05 – '06 UPDATE

Goal #1: IMPLEMENT THE COLLEGE 101 CLASSES TO IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS

- During the fall '05 semester and spring '06 semester we served 351 students in 10 sections offered on the Main campus, Iowa City and Marion. These sections were taught by a variety of faculty from different departments.
- Follow up efforts demonstrate some very encouraging preliminary data. We found that 91.4% of fall '05 College 101 students re-enrolled for spring '06 classes as compared to 76% for students who had not enrolled in College 101. The average GPA for College 101 students was 2.46 as compared to 2.20 for non-College 101 students.
- During the Fall, 2006 semester we staffed 21 sections, 5 in Iowa city, with a total enrollment of 510 students.

Goal #2: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATION APPLICATIONS PROCESSED, THUS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES

- The intent was to identify currently enrolled students with 45 or more “earned” credits that had not applied for graduation. We were not able to correctly define the criteria to obtain the appropriate lists of students. We now, however, have more knowledge about Colleague and will try this activity again. We have begun including application for graduation deadlines in all correspondence to Arts and Sciences students.
- Our next step will be to work with Jill Horn to run that report enabling us to identify and retrieve data from the correct group of students.

Goal #3: IMPLEMENT JOB CLUB SERVICES

- We did implement the Jobs Website and as of April, '06, have over 700 employers using the site and receive approximately 800 hits weekly.
- We have hired a Career Services Coordinator and she, Christine Powers, began working on 4/3/06. She has begun communicating with employers and Kirkwood staff and Administrators.
- We have offered workshops in our new classroom, have assumed leadership for the Career Directions Workshops and have assumed the responsibility for scheduling employers who request space in Iowa Hall to meet with students.

- We purchased a new service to handle our Jobs website from College Central.
- We have scheduled a full complement of services for the month of September, 2006, for the Job Club. We will be working with Skills to Employment and Admissions in order to offer these services.
- We have purchased a total of 20 laptop computers and will purchase a DVD recorder that will allow us to video students in mock interviews.