Pathway Goal: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Report: Mid-Year: December 2017

Action Item #  2-2

Action Item Description:

Create Campus wide Graduate Enrollment Management (GEM) Plan: Focus on high-demand, placement possible professional Masters and doctoral programs; enhance career services/support; reduce time to degree while increasing completion; and track alumni to assess success. Generate Campus wide R2PC (Recruitment, Retention, Progression, and Completion) Plan for strategic grad recruitment, enrollment, progression, completion, and time to-degree. Identify key areas of strategic research and doctoral growth (to guide faculty hires and GA growth); hire research intensive faculty and invest in GAs. Initiate process to increase graduate enrollment overall, and research doctoral enrollment specifically, beginning in FY16. Establish streamlined pathways for strategic graduate program realignment (fewer boutique; more professional masters; more bachelor to PhD paths; 4+1 programs; 5+2 programs, etc.)

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Process and Timeline: Provide a brief summary of the year-long process for your working group.

- Focus on Holistic Graduate Admissions.
- Focus on Recruitment CRM (customer relationship management).
- Identify "Target" graduate programs for recruitment and growth.
- Focus on strategic RPC (retention, progression, completion) w/ campus workshop/training and program (re)alignment.
- Work on implementing data access as identified in the Grad Data Needs Assessment.

Describe what has been accomplished so far this year.

The “GEM/R2PC” working group met monthly during the fall semester 2017 to carry forward actions initiated in AY 2015-16. Eight primary charges were outlined at the initial meeting. These charges and resulting actions/recommendations are summarized as follows:

1. Grad Rebel Gateway: Feedback was obtained from Graduate Coordinators. Information provided presently was deemed useful. Recommendation is to drill metrics down to “Plan Level” such that data (inquiries, enrollments, etc.) can be used in accreditation reports, etc.
2. Holistic Graduate Student Admissions: Subcommittee (Hartley, Hausrath, Word) are to provide outline of training components. Workshops to educate faculty were suggested. (document link attached).
3. Application Deadlines – Decision Deadlines: Committee developed recommendations as to “best practices” (document link attached).
4. Recruitment and Admissions Communications in Grad Rebel Gateway: Templates of recruitment flyers were developed (Venah Darakjian) for each degree plan. Units are to return any edits/changes by December 4, 2017.
5. Focus groups to assess usefulness of Degree Audit, decision to eliminate graduate degree audit. Intensive effort to establish useful alternative that would better support RPC; the new Plan of Study form will be completed this year.
6. Established Student Lifecycle Model: This will unify Graduate College RPC efforts and GC Student Success Institute activities to provide seamless “just-as-needed” information, guidelines, and opportunities to Master’s and doctoral students early, mid-, and late-career.
7. Dashboard Development in Grad Rebel Gateway: (redundant with item 1 above).
8. Grad Rebel Gateway “Chatter” for Grad College Executive Committee: Not recommended.
9. Established an RFI (request for information) system for prospective student & new admit questions and issues to be handled via the “cases” feature in the Grad Rebel Gateway.
10. Target Graduate Programs for Recruitment and Growth: Being addressed by Student Achievement group; will be shared with this working group in January.
12. Sent out Graduate Coordinator survey to assess campus RPC needs and issues.
Identify next steps.

1. Continue to develop metrics in Grad Rebel Gateway to drill down to “Plan Level” for programs who request this.
2. Develop content for Holistic Graduate Student Admissions training (workshop; webinars).
3. Implement recruitment flyers for distribution and activate strategic recruitment and admissions communication flows in Grad Rebel Gateway.
4. Roll-out student lifecycle model beginning in spring semester.
5. Review data relative to program growth. Identify programs targeted for growth. Request appropriate resources.
6. Plan and conduct RPC workshop and faculty training/webinars on R2PC best practices during Spring 2018.

What will your final product be at the end of the year? Such as, what metrics which will be used to assess your progress/achievement, will a report be generated, etc?

1. Track metrics on program inquiries to admits with implementation of new program communications in Grad Rebel Gateway.
2. Develop workshops/webinars for RPC training purposes. Track participation.
3. A report will be generated.

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Link to “Application Deadlines” Document:
https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=dW5sdi5iZHV8Z3JhZGNvbW1pdHRlZXN8Z3g6N2E4NDEyZTQzMmI3ODE1Mw

Link to “Holistic Admissions” Document:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rVUnI4M9VAEZW2orisJhPzEqt2oOvCAZymffsRVyON0/edit

Additional information to include (optional).

End of Mid-Year Report
Remainder of the report will be completed in May.
2017-18 Accomplishments.

SWOT Analysis: Determine the strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats presented in the data.

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2018-19 recommendations and next steps

- What does the SWOT analysis reveal?
- What should the goals / activities be for the subcommittee?
- Who should be responsible?

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