NDUS Pathways to Student Success

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Student Success

The Ultimate Goal:

A mission-driven university system focused on students' educational goals as the highest priority.



Why is Student Success Important?

Research shows that people who are **academically successful** are:

- more stable in their employment;
- more likely to have health insurance;
- less dependent on public assistance;
- more active as citizens and charitable volunteers; and
- more healthy.
- National Alliance of Business, Inc. (1998). The Multifaceted Returns to Education. Workforce Economic Trends [Abstract]. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED419983)

5 Initiatives Propel us to our Goal

- > Access
- **➢** Quality
- **➤** Affordability
- > Learning
- > Accountability



Access

- The choice of the right institution is critical to a student's success.
- It is important to have clearly defined and communicated admissions standards that are appropriate to the respective institution based on their mission. This enhances the opportunity to improve our educational product.
- Our system consists of 3 mission driven types of institutions:
 - > Community colleges
 - > Regional Universities
 - > Research Universities

Admissions Transparency

- Community colleges remain fully accessible, with secondary admission requirements into some technical programs.
- All Regional/Research Universities will begin with the same academic subject and course expectations.
- Research Universities will also have a list of preferred courses (to become required over time).
- Over a period of time, this will lift the NDUS educational distinction.

The NDUS Admission Score

- Admission to a 4-year institution will be based on a score.
- Score consists of a multi-component mathematical formula.
- This formula will result in an "index" number that will qualify a student for <u>automatic admission</u> to that respective campus.
- Students who do not achieve automatic admission or who are lacking in a component in the criteria will be reviewed individually by admission staff on each campus.

NDUS Admission Index Formula

The admissions index will indicate an automatic admission number, components of which may include ACT composite, GPA, core courses completed, and ND residency.

 $(3 \times ACT) + (20 \times GPA) + (5 \times HS Core) + (10 ND Resident)$

Proposed Implementation

- Fall 2013 Initial implementation of index for new applicants.
- Scores for initial years of implementation are being aligned with data to ensure no negative impact for current high school students.
- The first high school class impacted by change will be the high school graduating class of 2015. Further change will be implemented for the graduating class of 2016.

QUALITY

ND High School to College Readiness Report

- The ability to provide quality and timely feedback to K-12 for improvement in a P-20 environment critical.
- Currently 38 states provide feedback.
- ND makes 39



AFFORDABILITY

- Financial aid initiative
 - Need-based aid
 - Refine merit-based aid
 - Support for adult learners



LEARNING

- Refinement = enhanced success:
 - Community colleges have the responsibility for the delivery of all developmental course work.
 - Community Colleges and Regional Campuses will share responsibility for dual credit courses subject to enhanced criteria.
 - K-12 Common Core State Standards partnership

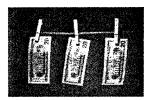


ACCOUNTABILITY

- Tuition Rate
 - Standard and uniform tuition rate criteria will be followed by all institutions with regard to in-state, out-of-state, contiguous states (including Canadian provinces), and international students.
- Tuition model
 - Per credit differentiated by program where appropriate

Fees

Mandatory Fees&



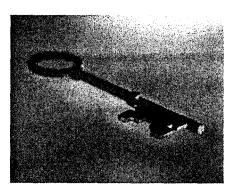
- Non–Mandatory Fees
 - Standardization of categories for student billing

Tuition Waivers

Undergraduate

- Reductions not to exceed 5% of total undergraduate tuition revenue of the previous academic year for all institutions.
- At Regional Universities and Community Colleges, these waivers are for Native American students, U.S. Veterans, and athletes.
- For Research Universities, tuition waivers will include Native American students, U.S. Veterans, and special cases determined by the Presidents.
 Student athletes in Division I athletics will be not be included in the 5%.
 They will be admitted based on NCAA rules and regulations.
- Employee tuition waivers are not included in the 5%.

Implementation/Coordination



- September 17-18
 - Meeting with Provosts
- October 1-2
 - Meeting with Presidents, Provosts, and VP of Finance
- October 10
 - Joint Commission with K12 and sister agencies

Living Document Leading to Student Success

This is a continuing process