

Academic Transformation
Academic Transformation Advisory Council
Monday, January 10, 2022

Evan Widders, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Matthew Mustard, EAB Senior Strategic Leader, Student Success, presented on advising and retention.

Evan

63% 6-year graduation rate: met 2025 goal early

-new goal?

82% retention rate

-goal is 85%

Recent wins:

Student Success

- on-grid schedule
- block schedule/STEM schedule
- waitlist for courses

Suspension policy

- fair warnings
- early alerts

Guided pathways

- implemented guided pathways
- pre-majors eliminated
- new BIS degree

Online tools/tutoring

- online tutoring scheduling and resources
- all tutoring visits documented
- trained tutors

Survey revealed advising as a gap in Pell eligible and underrepresented minority students. To improve our achievement gaps for these students, and our overall student success metrics, we are planning to invest in coordinating and further professionalizing undergraduate advising as part of Academic Transformation.

Matt

Academic Advising

Areas of evaluation:

1. mission and definitions
2. organizational structure
3. advanced technology
4. training and development
5. accountability

Why do students fall off path?

- administrative
- academic
- personal/social
- financial

Professional Advising

How do we connect faculty, advisors, and students?
Some colleges already have professional advising
Hire coordinator in spring semester

Homework: Send initial thoughts to Evan regarding advising model.