



Student Success Initiative

Credit Accumulation Initiative

Status Report, August-September 2015

Achievements in this period

The SSI Credit Accumulation ("Finish in Four") Committee did not meet during this time period, due to the start of classes and the fact that much of the initial phase of the work--research, discussion, branding, staff focus group, etc.--had been completed.

Goals for next period:

There are a number of major goals for the next two months.

1. The committee will hold at least one focus group with first-year students to learn more about their experiences with advising. We are grateful for the support we are receiving support for this project from CC120 administrators.
2. We will meet with UIC Marketing personnel. In an initial conversation with Phil Weiler, Sr. Exec. Director of Marketing and Brand Management, Phil said his office would be willing to discuss a marketing plan for the Finish in Four project. Joey Volpe will be arranging this meeting for mid-October.
3. We will look at the data to determine how much change there has been this year in terms of students attempting at least 15 credit hours. These data will serve as a baseline for future semesters.

Key Decisions

There are no key decisions that are not addressed in the Goals section.

Open Issues:

As mentioned, it is not clear if there has been any change in the number of credit hours students are attempting and whether any change can be attributed to our efforts thus far. We will investigate in the coming months.

Progress Indicator:



Team Lead: Tom Moss

Team Members: Eileen Doran, Lillye Hart, Elsa Soto, Philip Vasquez, Joey Volpe