

Graduation Initiative
Monthly Reporting Form
August 2012

Campus: Channel Islands

Team Leader: Provost Dawn Neuman

- 1) *What did your team commit to completing during this month? (What did you promise?)*
 - a) To hold an Early Start recap meeting to identify good practices and areas needing improvement for Summer 2013.
 - b) For Kaia Tollefson and Terry Ballman to give a presentation at the Fall faculty meeting on behalf of the SSP.
 - c) For the SSP to meet and discuss next steps regarding the finalized survey on academic probation students and gateway courses.

- 2) *What did you do and how will it help?*
 - a) An Early Start recap meeting was held on August 21st with representation from the Dean of Students, Records and Registration, Extended University, and faculty members from English and Mathematics. A list of suggestions was generated on good practices with recommendations for improvement for next year. The faculty present nonetheless expressed serious concerns about the academic benefit of the ES program.
 - b) Kaia Tollefson and Terry Ballman gave a 15-minute presentation at the Fall Faculty meeting hosted by the Provost and Academic Affairs on August 23. The purpose of the presentation was to broaden the discussion on student retention and success issues, and to highlight high-impact practices and Student Success Week (Oct. 8 - 12). All faculty were and are invited to participate in a series of broad-based faculty conversations on high-impact classroom practices on the following dates: Sept. 6, 27, Oct. 25 and Nov. 15.

- 3) *What will you accomplish next month?*
 - a) A meeting of the SSP will take place on September 11 to discuss recommendations on early interventions, how to respond to the gateway courses issue, and Student Success Week.
 - b) The first two conversations on high-impact classroom practices will take place on Sept. 6 and 27. The objective is to create a resource of high-impact pedagogical practices that all CI faculty can use. Project Vista will support the series with light refreshments.

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