

EAB Dynamic Strategy Self-Assessment (2022)

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CSUCI Strategic Planning Processes

1. Bridging 2015 and 2018-23 strategic planning efforts (Sue)
2. Bringing 2018-23 strategic initiatives to a close (Kaia)
 - a. What did we accomplish? (sample [divisional reporting sheet](#)—high-level)
 - b. What did we learn?
 - c. How are we assessing costs and benefits/impacts?
 - d. When and how are we closing SI 2018-23 out and communicating with campus?
3. Clarifying CSUCI identity and value proposition (John, Nancy, ADV)
4. **Identifying new strategic initiatives, strategies, goals, and measurable objectives (Cabinet, Campus), from the following:**
 - a. **TPR themes**
 - i. **Team 1: Academic Quality and Infrastructure:** Block Scheduling, Learning Communities, DFW and Equity Gaps, CIMAS, COC.
 - ii. **Team 2: Wrap-around Student Services.** Road Maps, Degree Planner, Channel Your Success, Basic Needs, Transfer Success.
 - iii. **Team 3: DEIA.** PACIE, IEAP, Ethnic Studies, Seal of Excelencia.
 - b. **Strategic Planning for the Growth, Evolution, and Development of CI through 2032 (Rich/Kaia notes 8/02/2022)**
 - i. **Institutional Identity**
 1. Is our university mission unique enough, focused enough, and bold enough to: (1) ensure “servingsness” (e.g., our region, our MSI status), (2) make us distinctive, (3) help us to achieve our enrollment goals, (4) guide our collective work through the next ten years?
 - a. Integrated Communication Marketing Plan (i.e., branding, community perception findings, web refresh)
 - b. Charting Our Course
 2. What do philanthropic priorities and patterns indicate/suggest about the degree to which and the ways in which we are realizing our mission?
 - a. Data-informed philanthropy
 3. What will we learn and what new goals will emerge through our experience with Thematic Pathway Review and accreditation processes through 2024?
 - ii. **Enrollment Management and Academic Excellence**
 1. What are our enrollment targets by 2032? Overall? Undergraduate, graduate?
 2. What are our academic offerings? Undergraduate, graduate?
 - a. Charting Our Course
 3. Which programs are offered stateside and via self-support?
 4. What are our graduation rates?
 - a. GI2025
 5. What are our post-graduate outcomes?
 6. How do we strategically allocate resources through a multi-year budget plan?
 7. What are the challenges and possibilities of a multi-year, integrated budget plan, and how would such a plan impact enrollment management processes?

8. How must we build out the physical campus to meet enrollment goals and needs for the next decade?
 - a. Campus Master Plan

iii. Campus Culture

1. What does it mean and what will it take to develop a campus culture that is:
 - a. DEI-competent?
 - i. IEAP
 - ii. Campus Climate Survey
 - iii. Affinity Groups
 - b. data-competent?
 - c. communication-competent?
 - d. conflict-competent?
 - i. Campus Climate Survey
 - e. outward-mindset competent?
 - f. [sustainability](#) competent?
2. What is shared governance, why does it matter, and how do we assess it?
3. How do we most effectively retain and help our faculty and staff to thrive at CI?

c. Enrollment Report 2/01/2023

- i. Immediate Strategies in Enrollment Management
 1. Restructuring of Enrollment Management Department
 2. Collaboration Between Admissions, Recruitment, and Institutional Research
 3. Competitor Analysis – Other CSUs and UCs
 4. Dual Admissions: CSUCI’s Enhanced Transfer Success Pathway Program
- ii. Immediate Strategies: Integrated Communication and Marketing Plan
- iii. Immediate Strategies: Improving Student Retention and Persistence
 1. Leveraging Philanthropic Support to Address Our Greatest Needs
 2. Cross Divisional Partnerships/Collaborations in Student Success
 3. GI 2025 and Additional Student Success Initiatives
 4. Expanded Learning Communities
 5. New Student Onboarding
 6. CSUCI Initiative for Mapping Academic Success (CIMAS)
 7. Degree Planner
 8. Holistic Student Supports
- iv. Immediate Strategies: Improving Campus Climate
- v. Intermediate and Long-term Planning
 1. Academic Master Plan
 2. WASC Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation
 3. Internship Expansion
 4. Executive Director of Regional Educational Partnerships
 5. Capital Projects

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KT Synthesis: Strategic Priorities and Existing Strategies/Initiatives

Strategic Initiative 1 Design and communicate a compelling campus and academic identity. TPR Theme 1: Academic quality and infrastructure DAA Lead with All	Strategic Initiative 2 Create a vibrant and engaging campus culture for students. TPR Theme 2: Wrap-around student services DSA Lead with All	Strategic Initiative 3 Operationalize the values of diversity, equity, inclusivity, and accessibility. TPR Theme 3: DEIA OTP Lead with All	Strategic Initiative 4 Manage and enhance campus resources sustainably and effectively. BFA and DUA Lead with All
Strategy 1a: Charting Our Course	Strategy 2a: Student Marketing Center	Strategy 3a: Inclusive Excellence Action Plan (IEAP)	Strategy 4a: CSUCI Climate and Sustainability Plan
Strategy 1b: Academic Master Plan	Strategy 2b: Affinity Centers	Strategy 3b: Equity Lens Framework (ELF) and DEIA Dashboard	Strategy 4b: Cross-Divisional Efficiencies & Innovations
Strategy 1c: Enrollment Management Plan	Strategy 2c: Student Retention and Persistence: New-Student Onboarding	Strategy 3c: Campus Climate Surveys	Strategy 4c: Leverage Philanthropic Success
Strategy 1d: Integrated Communication Marketing Plan	Strategy 2d: Student Retention and Persistence: Holistic Student Supports: CAPS, CARE, Dolphin Pantry	Strategy 3d: CSU Racial Equity Leadership Alliance	Strategy 4d: Student Retention and Persistence: Internship Expansion
Strategy 1e: Dual Admissions TSP	Strategy 2e: Student Retention and Persistence: Student life and “the college experience”	Strategy 3e: Black Excellence Project	Strategy 4e: Capital Projects
Strategy 1f: Student Retention and Persistence: Expanded Learning Communities			Strategy 4f: Regional Educational Partnerships Office
Strategy 1g: Student Retention and Persistence: GI-2025 Expanded Student Success Initiatives			
Strategy 1h: Student Retention and Persistence: CSUCI Initiative for Mapping Student Success (CIMAS)			
Strategy 1i: Student Retention and Persistence: Degree Planner			