

Subject: FW: Academic Plan Update

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Colleagues,

At last week's Board of Regents meeting at UW-Parkside, members of the Chancellor's team gave several presentations. Mine featured highlights from our colleges and provided Regent members of the Education Committee an update on our Academic Plan.

In brief:

- Our six-year graduation rate, a summary measure for tracking student success, is improving and the highest it's ever been. It is, however, still off the peer group level and persistent equity gaps remain.
- Our headcount enrollment is up for the first time in a while. There are bright spots in graduation rates, master's programs, distance education, and the diversity of our student body. If we can also address weakness in adult, undergraduate, part-time enrollment, growth will quicken.
- About seventy percent of our students graduate with two or more high impact practice experiences against a goal of having every student similarly engaged to maximize the relevance of our curriculum. Most of these experiences occur at the upper division. If we can deliver more high impact experiences to freshmen and sophomores, we'll create additional momentum to carry more through to graduation.
- Our faculty and staff continue to demonstrate commitment to our campus community through robust professional development, impactful scholarship and vibrant creative activity, and through individualized instruction and personal attention for our students, in spite of nagging wage disparities with peers. Correcting our low salaries requires a long view and coherent strategy. These are under discussion and we are planning a forward step.

In each area of the Academic Plan, progress is evident as is the need to do more and the highlights from our colleges are inspiring examples of excellence at UW-Parkside.

The slides from my presentation are available on the J: drive (J:/Shared/Provost Office) should you wish to review them. The presentation can also be viewed as part of the [UW-Parkside Regent Recap](#) story on our website.

Thank you for the wonderful work you do! The Regents got a glimpse of it during their visit and we could tell they left impressed.

- Rob

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