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INFORMATION ITEM:  Update on Retention and Graduation Rates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In fall 2010, UNCG approved a permanent $715,000 budgetary allocation to Undergraduate Studies to initiate a number of new hires and programs designed to promote undergraduate student learning, leading in turn to enhanced retention and graduation rates. Among new initiatives are a substantive expansion of learning communities; growth of tutoring and study skills supports; campus-wide rollout of Starfish; elevation of admission criteria for PNUR students; and creation of “Exploratory Studies.” Early tracking data indicate that these interventions are having a positive impact on student performance indicators, suggesting a wider-spread application to more undergraduates as quickly as practicable and possible, given budget restraints.

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