Discussion Item

AAC - 4 2016 Timely Progress Toward Degree Summer Initiative

Background Information

A new model for summer course scheduling was employed in Summer 2016 with three goals: (1) increase summer enrollment, (2) increase summer funding and (3) improve time to degree for students by assuring alignment between courses offered and student's schedule needs.

In the UNC System, summer courses are funded only when they are offered in an online format. This policy has, in the past, presented serious challenges to UNCG as most summer courses were offered on campus and did not receive state funding. While there has been a gradual shift toward offering more online courses in the summer, a focused effort to do so was undertaken in Summer 2016. In addition, courses with a prior history of low enrollment were not offered and courses that were not enrolling well were cancelled during the registration period, transferring students to other courses that would enable them to make progress toward their degree. As a result of these efforts, Summer 2016 was significantly more efficient and productive than Summer 2015. Data show clearly that goals 1 and 2 above were met, and there is every indication that as we track students progress over time, we will also find that the program has an impact on reducing UNCG time to degree.

AAC – 4.1 2016 Timely Progress Toward Degree Initiative Description

AAC – 4.2 Timely Progress Toward Degree Summer Initiative Revenue Impact

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