

Executive Summary
Strategic Plan Goal 1

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Overview

Most of the projects within each initiative have become more defined and in some cases, particular objectives have been moved either up or down the priority scale based on research or other information gleaned during the planning and implementation phases of the initiatives. Below, please see overall views of progress based on the audit committee's contact with either the committee chairs or members of the committees if the chairs were not available during the short turnaround time of this audit.

Initiative 1: Develop a first-year residential village

This initiative is ongoing, with the process of bringing other partners, both on and off campus, into the planning process. The hiring of an associate director to focus on this initiative has been completed, and job descriptions have been changed as planned.

Initiative 2: Further develop cooperative programs with Ivy Tech to provide multiple points of entry to ISU

This initiative continues forward. Transition to Foundational Studies has been completed, and efforts to encourage more transfer students are continuing with evaluation of progress ongoing. Scholarship dollars have been used to encourage Ivy Tech students to continue their studies at ISU.

Initiative 3: Create a unified undergraduate student success program

This initiative is moving forward quickly. Programs were evaluated and changed as needed to better meet the needs of students. The committee is working to expand its efforts beyond the first year student and provide support, along with various campus partners, to students for a longer period during students' academic and social transitions to college.

Initiative 4: Create "Sycamore Express" one stop centers

This initiative is effectively completed with the only concern being marketing the service. The committee plans to target student orientation for further marketing.

Initiative 5: Develop program for parents and families of students

Nearly all the objectives under this goal have either been met or exceeded with the exception of the handbook for parents and families which has been developed but has not yet been printed. The committee seems to be working with campus partners effectively.

Initiative 6: Increase early outreach to students in the region

This initiative is moving forward, although some delay has occurred as funding has not been available. A new staff member has been hired and other objectives are continuing.

Initiative 8: Enhance graduate education at ISU

In partnership with CGPS, Admissions, and IPS, two recruitment tours have been planned in Southeast Asia and Latin America. Several new master's and doctoral programs are in various stages of approval, and two of the new programs approved in 2010 are moving forward with enrollments.

Initiative 9: Enhance the gathering and use of information to advance ISU's strategic priorities

The objectives under initiative 9 are making good progress, with only one area hampered by funding challenges relative to acquiring staff with the required assessment skills and background.

Initiative 10: Create a comprehensive wellness program

This is a recent addition to Goal 1, so much of the work towards this goal is still in the development phase. The committee is also awaiting funding that will allow them to focus more staff time to fully implement the objectives.

Initiative 11: Develop a comprehensive retention program for African American Cultural Center to assist both students and parents

Although this is a new initiative, some work has already begun. The committee has identified some successes and some challenges and is evaluating current practice for necessary changes.