





Project Integration and Optimization through Strategic Enrollment Planning

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Agenda for this session:

- me The University of Idaho: Background, Enrollment Trends and Culture
- Previous Strategic Enrollment Plans at University of Idaho and Change on the Palouse
- Understanding the University of Idaho landscape: EPM & SIS
- Financial Aid and AFAS
- Strategic Enrollment Planning at the University of Idaho
- Critical Collaboration
- **©** Key Outcomes
- Next Steps



The University of Idaho

Background, Enrollment Trends and Culture

- About the University of Idaho and our market
- Declining enrollment since 2012
- Six enrollment managers in five years
- Challenging coordinated and collaborative culture
- Significant budget cuts for multiple years



Previous SEP at University of Idaho

- No neutral facilitator
- Limited to about 25 participants
- Smaller participation rate across campus
- Totally accountability with SEM for implementation
- No resources associated with implementation

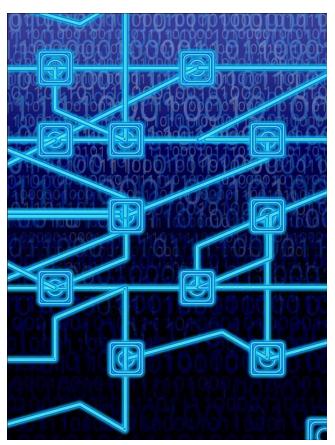




Change on the Palouse

- New SEM Division Created
- Change in Advising Structure
- Change in Scholarship Program
- Enrollment Marketing Campaign & CRM
- New Academic Budget Model
- Enter RNL

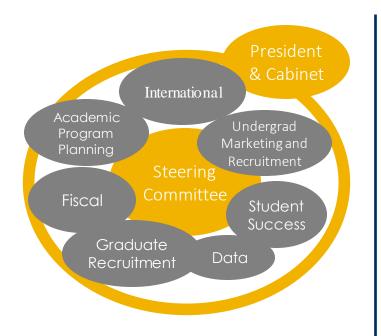
Integration of RNL partnership elements



- Strategic Enrollment Planning
- Class Optimizer: AFAS
- Student Satisfaction Inventory
- Market Research
 - Enrollment Projection



Strategic enrollment planning at the University of Idaho:



- Academic Program Planning
- Fiscal
- Graduate Recruitment
- International
- Student Success
- Undergraduate Marketing and Recruitment
- Data



Strategic enrollment planning at the University of Idaho:



- **Program** (academic, co-curricular, services, support)
- Place (on-site, off-site, online, hybrid)
- **Price and Revenue** (tuition, fees, discounts, incentives)
- **Promotion** (marketing, recruitment, web presence)
- Purpose and Identity (mission, distinctiveness, brand)
- Process (data-informed, integrated planning)



The SWOT framework, if data centric, is a productive starting place





The Situation Analysis should. . .

- Tell an *interesting* story
- Quantify threats and opportunities
- Create a direct link between identity, actions, and outcomes
- *Motivate* specific actions with specific desired results



Strategic Enrollment Planning

A four-phase process for long term enrollment and fiscal health





Business/action plan elements

- One for each key strategy
- Further explain the strategy as needed
- Identify broad implementation steps
- Assign responsibility and completion date
- Identify enrollment impact (and rationale)
- Budget impact and estimated ROI
- Identify assessment measures





SEP at the University of Idaho

Prioritization

- Thirteen strategies were developed as action plans
- One concept was executed and funded prior to completing the action plan step
- Three strategies were moved to Academic Affairs master planning
- Implementation began immediately
- Identification of resources
- Setting goals
- Creating dashboards
- Writing and distributing the plan



Collaboration Imperative for SEP at University of Idaho

- Cabinet and Executive Sponsors
- Co-chair with Provost and VP-SEM
- Include wide and far participation
- External and industry partners
- Alumni and donors
- "Buy-In"





SEP at University of Idaho outcomes

- Enrollment Projection Models inform goals and planning
- Data informed identification of markets and priorities
- Funded strategies
- AFAS provided a predictive model for all incoming students
- Competitive scholarship and need-based equity program with strong segmentation
- Moving forward very deliberately
- Confidence with emerging enrollment culture on campus



University of Idaho – Strategic Enrollment Planning

Results to Celebrate

- Fall 2021 enrollment up 4.7% overall
 - Largest freshman class since 2012 (16.5% increase)
 - Largest transfer class since 2012 (11.7% increase)
- FY21-22 budget revenue up \$2 million
- Fall 2022 on track for another increase in incoming class



Next steps for the University of Idaho

SEP to SEM

- Need-based scholarship program
- More competitive WUE awards
- Accommodation of NCAA Equivalency Sports
- Precise discount rates, net tuition revenue models, scholarship budget projections
- Full implementation of SEP strategies
- Capital campaign with largest year of giving in history of University
- Refined predictive model based upon prior years enrollment trends
- Refined retention initiatives including evolution of advising model
- Budget model that rewards each college / division





Questions and Discussion