

Erikson Institute Practical Guidance on Building A Best In Class Cross-Functional Model





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Agenda

- Trends& Insights
- Tenets
- Outcomes
- Steps in Creating Cross-Functional Teams

Trends & Insights Driving the Need for Cross-Functional Teams





Environmental & Market Pressures

Reputation

Tenets in Cross-Functional Work

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Three Guiding Principles







Teamwork and Collaboration

Together we can build a stronger solution (degree program, strategies, campaigns & more) View opportunities as ones to learn and grow from regardless

Growth Mindset

of outcome

Internal Locus of Control

We are in control of our achievements and our success is not dictated by our circumstances

Outcomes of Cross-Functional Work

Improvements Across Internal & External Metrics









Improved speed to market and other university goals Student experience and student outcomes

Improved reputation and brand Co-creation of accountability and ownership



Internal relationships and work culture

Steps In Creating Cross-Functional Teams

1 Identify Need & Reasons Why

- Relate need for change to improvements & goals
 - Between college and students
 - Student outcomes
 - University goals
- Align to university's culture to increase likelihood of adoption and success

2 Identify Stakeholders & Early Adopters

- Help decrease friction
- Produce answers to expected objections
- Gain senior leadership buy-in before presenting to C-level

3 Sell into C-Level

- Identify key stakeholders across impacted:
 - Departments
 - Teams
 - Locations

4 Sell into Cross-Functional Team

- Remember to speak to the initiative's alignment to the university's culture to increase likelihood of adoption and success
- Include how the initiative ties to:
 - Students' needs
 - A critical university-wide opportunity

5 Create Cross-Functional Team

- Create collaboration opportunities via systems and tools
- Team to co-create processes and procedures inclusive of service level agreements
- Create:
 - Accountability
 - Cadence of collaboration/meetings
 - Best practices



Thank You

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