Increase Student Completion

BACKGROUND

We chose ATD to measure retention and graduation rate; MVCC is now the third SUNY institution in ATD (OCC and Westchester being the other two); however, those schools are just entering their planning year. We will, therefore, be ranking ourselves against ourselves for the foreseeable future. As ATD moves from the JBL database tracking system to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) data submission, we may, as the plan progresses, be able to review ourselves against other comparable ATD colleges.

We chose VFA to measure success rate; there are 16 SUNY schools in VFA (7 CUNY) and only 174 total (once again, not sure how representative for a national comparison). We are challenged by the fact that just because a school was on the VFA site doesn't mean that they submitted the 6-year data. In fact, using those institutions that submitted 6-year data--and discounting "district" submissions—the number of SUNY schools drops to 11, CUNY drops to 0 and the total falls to 117 institutions. We used the full- and part-time Credential Seeking cohort (instead of just the full-time) because our ATD measures use both full- and part-time students.

MVCC's 2008 cohort success is 68.9%. The current SUNY average is 69.5%, which puts us at 7 out of 11 (whose data was available for IR to review). That roughly corresponds to a 19 out of 30 for all SUNY CC's, or the bottom of the middle third. The highest value is 78.3%; the lowest is 62.6%. If MVCC were to attain the 76% (assuming all the other schools remain relatively stable), we would place about 3 out of 11 [approx. 8 out of 30] for the bottom of the top third. There is, however, one SUNY school which has a value of 75.8 which could move us to 4 out of 11 [approx. 11 out of 30] for the top of the middle third.

MVCC's 2008 cohort success is 68.9%. The current VFA average is 66.8%, which puts us at 48 out of 117 (whose data was available for IR to review). That roughly corresponds to the top of the middle third. The highest value is 96.7%; the lowest is 24.2%. If MV were to attain the 76% (assuming all the other schools remain relatively stable), we would place about 20 out of 117 for the middle of the top third.

1A. Increase the fall to fall retention rate

Fall to Fall Retention and Graduation Rate – As more SUNY schools enter into ATD, we may be able to compare ourselves against others.

1B. Increase the graduation rate

Supporting information here

1C. Increase the student success rate

The success rate consists of those students who transfer, without a credential, those students who graduate and those students who are persisting in their education. If we find that this number is exceeding itself throughout the life of the Strategic Plan, adjustments can be made.