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Introduction

- Why I'm presenting on this topic
- Learning Outcomes:
 - Understand how to develop a work plan for SEM goal implementation
 - Learn how KPIs and measurements are developed and monitored to support SEM goals
 - Gain a conceptual framework for how Slate (CRM) can be configured to support SEM goals



“The reason that everybody likes planning is that nobody has to do anything.” - Jerry Brown



Timeline

- **Spring 2017** – Recognized need for a SEM plan
- **Fall 2017** – Kicked-off SEM Steering Committee
- **Fall 2018** – Submitted Plan to President
- **Winter 2019** – Plan endorsed by Trustees
- **Summer 2019** – SEM Advisory Council Formed
- **Fall 2019** - Implementation Planning Begins



Our SEM Plan (paraphrased)

- **Objective #1: Increase New Student Enrollment**
- **Objective #2: Increase Enrollment of Traditionally Underrepresented Student Groups (TUSG)**
- **Objective #3: Increase Retention and Persistence**



How to develop a workplan? The SEM Advisory Council

- A Council within the Enrollment Management Division, chaired by the VP
- 1 Dean, 3 Associate Provosts, 3 VPs, 1 faculty Senate Rep, 1 Dean of Students
- 4 workgroups
 - 1 for each objective, and 1 for enrollment projections



Mission

Vision

Values

Guiding philosophies

- Core to the organization

Core Themes

Broad principles

- Fulfills the Mission, Vision and Values

STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Strategic Enrollment Management Plan is created for 2019-2025. Endorsed by the President and Board of Trustees, it is the result of a collaborative vision for Ellensburg Undergraduate New Student Recruitment; Persistence, Progression, and Graduation; and Centers and Online Enrollment.



Outcomes

Monitoring

Final

98 Measurements:

- 6 Objective Measures
- 12 Initiative Measures
- 80 1st year action item measures

Objectives
2025

1) Increase CWUs total undergraduate enrollment

2) Increase the enrolled percentage of traditionally under-represented student groups (TUSG)

3) Increase the full-time first-year retention rate; increase first year persistence of new transfer students; decrease the average time-to-degree for first time full time students

Strategic Enrollment Management Council

Initiatives

• 5 Strategies

• 8 Strategies

• 6 Strategies

Projects

Activities

Year 1 Action Items
22

17

20

Division, Department and Initiative Plans

SEM Plan Objective #1: Increase Enrollment



Increase CWU's total undergraduate enrollment from 11589 in fall 2018 to 14205 in fall 2025.

Initiatives (5)

Strategy 1:
Develop CWU's next generation marketing, recruitment, and campus visitation plans that expand our first-year student market share into new geographical areas while maintaining current market share. Use pre-college programs (e.g. Running Start, Game On!) as recruiting pipelines

Strategy 2:
Develop a specific, transfer student enrollment approach. For transfer students bound for the Ellensburg campus, create a seamless transfer transition experience. For transfers headed to a Center or the Sammamish sites, partner with community colleges and corporations to create programming that meets the unique needs of place-bound students.

Strategy 3:
Target recruiting for ready-to-grow majors well-suited for first year and degree completer student growth. Enhance existing programs and add new programs that meet market-demand and result in increased market-share.

Strategy 4:
Centers enrollment: Establish CWU University Centers as the "go-to" choice for time and place bound degree completers, including international students. Increase international student enrollment and market share for International online programs and from the Community Colleges in Seattle area.

Strategy 5:
Use the operations and delivery of financial aid to optimize students' ability to enroll and pay for college. Focus on improving the student experience, especially in the timely completion of need-based aid requirements.

Year One Focus Actions: Projects & Activities (24)

Expand Senior Search to out of state markets

Expand campus visitation program to increase alignment with application generation.

Expand CRM event management and communication planning to include pre-admissions programs.

Enhance prospective parent/guardian experience in the senior search process.

Develop CRM and PeopleSoft integrations to increase yield

Enhance High School Partnership Programs

Establish competitive service response times for conducting transfer evaluations for applicants.

Establish quarterly meetings with host community college leadership team to enhance guided pathways to CWU.

Establish guided pathways for Highline, Edmunds, Pierce

Increase response time for University Center, Online, and Ellensburg transfer student inquiries.

Launch Transfer Center

Identify initial list of majors that Deans identify are optimal for current capacity, cost and market.

Increase understanding of top programs.

Conduct department specific communication plans.

Increase outreach to prospective students and applicants.

Increase presence at co-located community colleges

Develop articulations with host campus for each major offered at co-located University Center.

Enhance all transfer recruitment collateral to include University Center and Online students.

Launch a new CWU Transfer student search piece that allows for customized content based on student type and desired campus location.

Improve the student search experience for transfer students seeking a University Centers/Online degree.

Enhance Financial Aid communication campaigns.

Evaluate financial aid packaging process. Make enhancements to support a positive student experience.

Implement text messaging system for new students regarding FAFSA requirements

Establish competitive service response times for conducting transfer evaluations for applicants.

8 Outcomes

Start & End Measures
Responsibility

9 Outcomes

Start & End Measures
Responsibility

3 Outcomes

Start & End Measures
Responsibility

10 Outcomes

Start & End Measures
Responsibility

7 Outcomes

Start & End Measures
Responsibility



SEM Plan Objective #2: Increase Enrollment Diversity



Increase the enrolled percentage of traditionally under-represented student groups (TUSG) from 32.6% in Fall 2018 to 36% by 2024.

Initiatives (8)

<p>Strategy 1: Develop a comprehensive plan to engage in outreach to communities of color, and engage enrolled TUSGs.</p>	<p>Strategy 2: Tailor recruitment and communication strategies to particular TUSGs. Ensure marketing materials and University websites reflect the ethnic diversity we seek. Pay attention to the needs of parents of TUSG and first generations students</p>	<p>Strategy 3: Identify top secondary schools with significant TUSG populations and direct recruitment resources to these areas, focusing on building strong relationships with these schools, their principals, counselors and faculty, especially any who are CWU alumni.</p>	<p>Strategy 4: Create a community advisory panel of TUSG educators and other community members to serve as a sounding board for CWU's recruitment and engagement strategies and to help the University identify opportunities to connect with under-represented communities in Washington.</p>	<p>Strategy 5: Engage faculty to recruit TUSG students to specific majors where underrepresentation is most prevalent.</p>	<p>Strategy 6: As opportunities to fill vacant positions arise, ensure that the recruiting staff of CWU represents the diversity of the students we seek.</p>	<p>Strategy 7: During first-year onboarding, identify students in need of resources and offer a network of services, e.g. appreciative advising, financial aid navigation assistance, cultural community connection.</p>	<p>Strategy 8: In future academic years, hire more faculty who represent the diversity we seek.</p>
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Year One Focus Actions: Projects & Activities (17)

Launch an admissions diversity recruitment advisory counsel.	Evaluate and make updates to recruitment printed publications, admissions website, and SFS website.	Use Recruitment CRM to identify top secondary schools.	None- this is a year 2 strategy	Discover areas of underrepresentation.	Include "bi-lingual" in qualifications for admissions counselor job descriptions.	Launch early alert messaging system to notify students at-risk, directing students to appropriate resources.	Implement Workforce Diversity Plan
Develop DEC mission, vision and values	Enhance website to serve Spanish speaking groups.	Use Advancement database to identify alumni teachers and/or principals.		Meet with University Committees			
Amplify visibility of Diversity and Equity Center across campus.	Enhance Yield communication plans for specific TUSGs.			Advertise positions in diverse areas and venues.	Conduct analysis to identify students who would benefit from a network of services		
	Transfer symposiums			Explore and evaluate recruiting position descriptions			

7 Outcomes	9 Outcomes	2 Outcomes	0 Outcomes	3 Outcomes	3 Outcomes	2 Outcomes	1 Outcomes
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SEM Plan Objective #3: Increase Retention & Persistence



- Increase the full-time first-year retention rate from 69% in fall 2018 (2017 cohort) to 78% by fall 2025 (2024 cohort).
- Increase first year persistence of new transfer students from 81% in fall 2017 (2016 cohort) to 85% in fall 2025 (fall 2024 cohort).
- Decrease the average time-to-degree for first time full time studnets from 17.6 to 16 terms. Decrease the average time-to-degree for transfer students from 10 to 8.7 terms.

Initiatives (6)

<p>Strategy 1: Develop a comprehensive plan for student learning, development and success.</p>	<p>Strategy 2: Strengthen policy pertaining to first year and new transfer student success and ensure that policy is followed. Identify and remove policies and practices impeding student progression.</p>	<p>Strategy 3: Transfer student onboarding: build strong connections with, and networks within, the CWU community specific to transfer students.</p>	<p>Strategy 4: Modernize student related workflow and processes, and remove barriers to success.</p>	<p>Strategy 5: Use and enforce conditional admissions requirements, including early completion of development coursework.</p>	<p>Strategy 6: Consider factors beyond academic success when improving retention, such as meeting financial need, engagement with the university experience.</p>
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Year One Focus Actions: Projects & Activities (20)

Continued implementation of ASL Retention Plan	Review and propose changes to: Holds, Academic Standing, I & IS grades, etc.	Establish Transfer Center Facility	Electronic student files, electronic workflow of student processes within Registrar Services	Recommend to council to redefine this strategy.	Increase financial literacy for continuing students.
Expanded Academic Success Center tutoring & instruction	Modernizing the student experience modality for policy and procedure related to student success	Hire Transfer Center Support Staff	Advising model design & implementation		Enhance co-curricular involvement through increased communication and awareness.
Peer Academic Success Coaching for 1 st year students		Develop TC Standard Operating Procedures	Implement text messaging system for continuing students for SFS, Registrar, Academic Success departments.		Increase awareness of the Diversity & Equity Center
Advising enhancements identified and prioritized		Develop & Execute Transfer Center Communications Plan			Increase undergraduate research and creative expression activity.
Strategy for developmental learning in college level courses.		Create pathways for newly admitted students to declare major after acceptance			
Launch residential life initiative					
Success metrics of Gen Ed.					

21 Outcomes

2 Outcomes

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4 Outcomes

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Responsibility

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Objective:	Initiatives	Projects & Activities	Measure	Start	checkpoint	End	PMO feedback	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the result you aim to achieve- concrete attainments In context of assessment of current/future challenges/enablers in the next 5 years. Through the lens of Customer, Financial, Internal Process, Organizational Capabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What things will you do to reach your objective? Can include Strategies and Tactics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For multi-year Initiatives, include the details of projects and activities for the 1st year Projects and Activities cascade so that employees across the organization can connect their work to how it is fulfilling the strategic objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you measure your progress and or completion? Define what the measurement is that indicates the desired change has been reached. Provide a measure for each Objective, Initiative, and Project/Activity 	date or number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMO Usage Utilized for reporting progress 	date or number	PMO Usage	Who will be responsible?
Mission Enrollment Objective #1: Increase CWU's total undergraduate enrollment from 11589 in fall 2018 to 14205 in fall 2025.			Increase total undergraduate enrollment	11589		14205		
	#1 – Develop CWU's next generation marketing, recruitment, and campus visitation plans that expand our first-year student market share into new geographical areas while maintaining current market share. Use pre-college programs (e.g. Running Start, Game On!) as recruiting pipelines	Expand Senior Search to out of state markets	Increase ACT/SAT by 25,000.	0		25000		VP EM
		Expand campus visitation program to increase alignment with application generation.	Conduct 100 admissions presentations in conjunction with campus tours.	0		100		VP EM
		Expand CRM event management and communication planning to include pre-admissions programs.	10 GameOn! events managed through Admissions CRM.	0		10		VP EM
		Enhance prospective parent/guardian experience in the senior search process.	Build "Prospective Parent" website, inquiry form, and communication plan.	10/1/19		5/1/20		VP EM
		Develop CRM and PeopleSoft integrations to increase yield through improved communications and "nudges" for common enrollment barriers of admitted students.	Integration of FAFSA data, housing data (deposit status), transcript checklists, and enrollment status.	8/1/19		1/1/20		VP Operations
			Update Slate and PeopleSoft to Integrate after the admissions decision is made.	8/1/19		1/1/20		VP Operations
		Enhance High School Partnership Programs (Running Start & College in the High School Action)	Engage faculty teaching HSP courses in the recruitment efforts	11/1/19		6/1/20		AP - EL/O
			Social Marketing	11/1/19		6/1/20		AP - EL/O
	#2– Develop a specific, transfer student enrollment approach. For transfer students bound for the Ellensburg campus, create a seamless transfer transition experience. For transfers headed to a Center or the Sammamish sites, partner with community colleges and corporations to create programming that meets the unique needs of place-bound students.	Establish competitive service response times for conducting transfer evaluations for applicants.	Develop a service level goal and create metrics for monitoring.	10/1/19		1/1/20		AP - U & FA
			Transfer evaluation response time	X days		X days	define response time once the above measure is completed	AP - U & FA
		Establish quarterly meetings with host community college leadership team to enhance guided pathways to CWU:	Each co-located University Center and Admissions Representative to meet quarterly.	0 (# of co-located centers)		# of quarterly meetings		AP - EL/O VP EM
		Establish guided pathways for • Highline, Edmunds, Pierce	# of Pathways	1/0/00		1/0/00		AP EL/O Registrar

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ID	Task Name	3rd Quarter			4th Quarter		1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter		
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Strategic Enrollment Management Plan Implementation	[Timeline bar from Jul to Oct]																
2	Project Management	[Timeline bar from Sep to Aug]																
62	SEMP Assessment	[Timeline bar from Sep to Oct]																
63	Objective 1 - Enrollment	[Timeline bar from Sep to Oct]																
64	Objective 2 - Diversity	[Timeline bar from Sep to Oct]																
65	Objective 3 - Persistence	[Timeline bar from Sep to Oct]																
66	Execution	[Timeline bar from Jul to Oct]																
67	Objective 1 - Enrollment	[Timeline bar from Jul to Oct]																
68	S1-Marketing, Recruitment and Visitation	[Timeline bar from Jul to Oct]																
69	Expand Senior Search to out of state markets	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
70	Expand campus visitation program	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
71	Expand CRM event management and communication planning	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
72	Enhance prospective parent/guardian experience in the senior search process.	[Timeline bar from Oct to May]																
73	Develop CRM and PeopleSoft integrations	[Timeline bar from Jul to Dec]																
74	Enhance High School Partnership Programs	[Timeline bar from Nov to May]																
75	S2-Transfer Student Enrollment	[Timeline bar from Aug to Sep]																
76	Establish competitive service response times for conducting transfer evaluations	[Timeline bar from Oct to Dec]																
77	Establish quarterly meetings with host community college leadership teams	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
78	Establish Guided Pathways (Highline, Edmonds, Pierce)	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
79	Increase response time for Centers, Online, and Eburg transfer student inquiries	[Timeline bar from Aug to Oct]																
80	Launch Transfer Center	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
81	S3-Targeted Recruiting	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
82	Identify initial list of growth majors	[Timeline bar from Oct to Feb]																
83	Increase understanding of top programs	[Timeline bar from Nov to Feb]																
84	Conduct department specific communication plans	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
85	S4-Centers Enrollment	[Timeline bar from Jul to Oct]																
86	Increase outreach to prospective students and applicants.	[Timeline bar from Jul to May]																
87	Increase presence at co-located community colleges.	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
88	Launch Open House events	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																
89	Develop articulations with host campus for each major offered there	[Timeline bar from Oct to Oct]																

Key Learnings:

- **Develop a team of key stakeholders with decision-making authority**
- **Use project management principles (project manager/project coordinator staff in possible)**
- **Agree that the plan and process isn't perfect**
- **Be determined to assign a measurement to every effort.**



Key Learnings:

- **Use existing resources for year one action items**
 - **Place great ideas that aren't funded in year 2 or 3**
- **Meet regularly**
- **Don't try to accomplish the objectives in year one (remind each other this is a six-year plan)**
- **Include others in work groups often**



Learning Outcome

- **Gain a conceptual framework for how Slate (CRM) can be configured to support SEM goals**



“When used right, technology becomes an accelerator of momentum, not a creator of momentum.” – Jim Collins



Reports and Queries

- Applicant data trend report (YOY)
- Prospect data overview
- Enrollment Funnel – First-year, transfer (main campus), transfer (centers and online)
- Name Buy Source Funnel Report (and ROI indicator)
- Prospect data – Senior search and events
- Application data by region and school.



Total	2021					2020					2019												
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Metric	2020			2019			YOY Growth		
	Applicants	Admits	Deposits	Applicants	Admits	Deposits	Applicants	Admits	Deposits

By Count

Academic Major



Undergraduate Total

Washington State

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Washington State

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California

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2021

Metric	Inq	Apps	Acc	Deps	Active Deps
Washington State / Active County					
WA-01 Gre...	446	6	3	1	1
King	275	5	3	1	1
Kitsap	5				
Kittitas					
Pierce					
Snoho...	166	1			
WA-02 Sou...	306	9	5		
WA-03 Gre...	301	1			
WA-04 Gre...	400	13	8	1	1
WA-05 Gre...	310	6	4		
WA-06 Belli...	108	4	2		
Total	1871	39	22	2	2



Key Learnings:

- **Slate implementation takes time**
- **Consider Crawl, Walk, Run model**
- **Frontline user acceptance is essential**
- **Consider third-party partnerships for training and development**
- **Be open to other solutions**



Q and A and Follow-up

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