
General Faculty Meeting: Report From the President

Monday, September 15, 2025

4 - 5 pm

315 Park Hall

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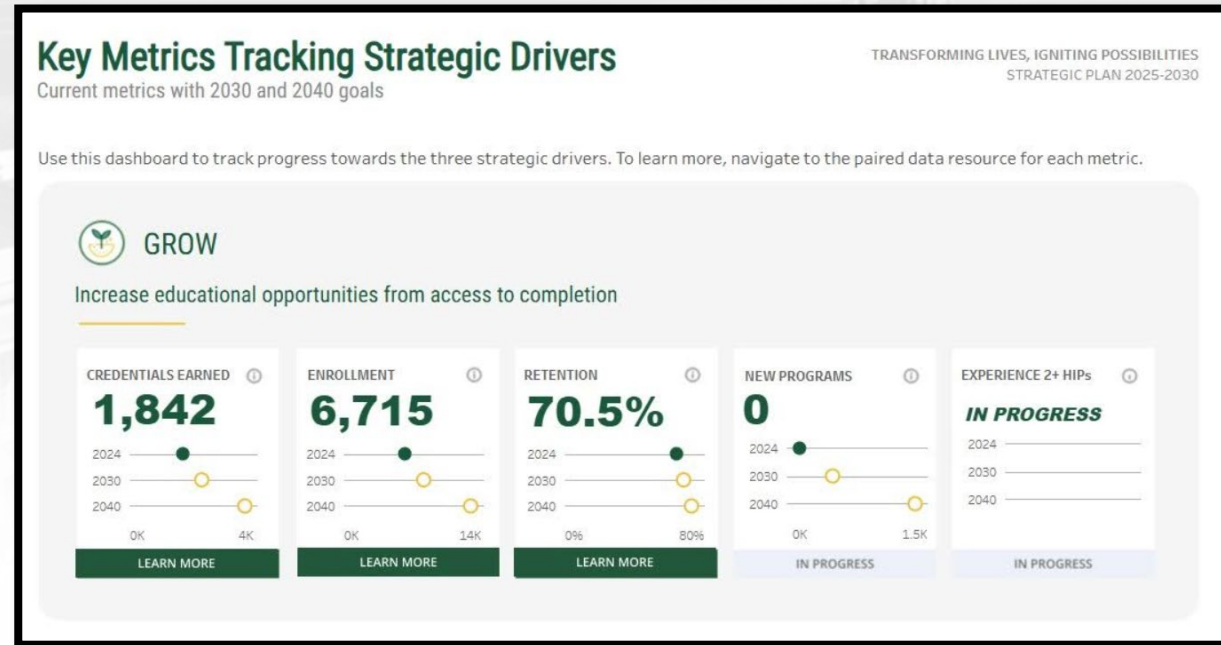
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Where We Are: Strategic Plan Implementation

- [2025-2030 Strategic Plan](#)
- Deputy to the President for Strategy, Planning, and Special Projects Named
- University Leadership and Campus Community Strategic Plan Workshops led by AASCU facilitators
- Divisional Plans Developed and Aligned with Strategic Drivers: GROW. CONNECT. THRIVE
- Campus-wide Strategic Plan Implementation Committee Formed
- Key Metrics and Reporting Dashboard Development Underway



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A Focus on Student Success: SUNY Academic Momentum Initiative

- **System-wide Academic Momentum Campaign**
 - Ambition system retention and completion goals for fall 2026 entering cohort
 - All campuses will contribute proportionally to system goals via individual action plans that build on existing campus strengths and the adoption of proven strategies tailored to the needs of students but not currently in place or delivered at scale
- **Key Elements**
 - Graduation rates for First Year and Transfers
 - Retention rates for First Year and Transfers
 - Credit accumulation at 15 credit hours each semester (30 credit hours per academic year)
 - Completion of gateway Math and English, and major courses in the first year
 - Degree maps for all undergraduate academic programs, coupled with robust and consistent advisement
 - FAFSA Completion
 - Targeted/timely interventions to keep students on track
 - Amplifying existing strategies and integrating new practices with campus strategic plans
 - Creating student success dashboards to monitor progress

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A Focus on Student Success: SUNY Academic Momentum Initiative, Contd.

Phase 1 -
Summer/Fall 2025

Discovery
and Goal
Development

Phase 2 -
Fall 2025

Presentation of
Goals, Target-
Setting, and
Action Planning

Phase 3 -
Spring/Summer 2026

Launch and Early
Implementation

- Academic Momentum Implementation Committee Formed
- Key Metrics and Reporting Linked to Strategic Plan Dashboard

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A Focus on Student Success: SUNY Academic Momentum Initiative, Contd.

- **Benefits of a System Strategy:**

- Academic Momentum Campaigns adopted across higher education system strategies can realize dramatic improvements in outcomes of large groups of students at many campuses (See examples in CA, LA, and GA systems)
- Integrated and strategic focus on retention can increase enrollment revenue and support fiscal stability

One tried strategy: Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE)/Advancing Success in Associate Pathways (ASAP)

- **Participation in System-wide Accelerate Completion through Engagement (ACE) Program:**

- To improve retention and completion for all SUNY undergraduates through integration of evidence-based momentum strategies
- Funded by Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature –
 - **Year 1 (FY 24 budget: \$75 million in Transformation fund)**
 - 275 students in AY 2024-2025, the largest of any SUNY school (25 participating schools)
 - **Year 2 (FY 26 budget: Additional \$12 million)**
 - Now 410 students in AY 2025-2026, still the largest of any SUNY school
- Program offers participating students' academic, financial, and personal support
- Retention rate 76.6% for ACE

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