

UW System FY16 Innovation Program Project Report

- Due on 11/23/2015
- Email completed report to Sasi Pillay, CIO, UW System: spillay@uwsa.edu (cc: dtrendt@uwsa.edu)
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*(*Not to exceed two pages)*

Project Name: Advising Community of Support	
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Date: 11/23/2015	Report Interval: 60 90 120-Final
<p>1. Briefly recap project objectives. Have implementation tasks to date caused any meaningful adjustments to the project's original objectives?</p> <p>The purpose of the UW-Platteville advising Community of Support (CoS) is to create and curate a space for online undergraduate students to interact with their peers and academic advisor outside of the online course room. The CoS is housed in BrightSpace by Desire2Learn, which is the same software that is currently used to host courses, and looks similar to the course shells used for degree classes.</p> <p>We are also going to implement the use of SmarterMeasure™, a learning readiness indicator. SmarterMeasure™ allows for early intervention with at-risk students and strategic communications with all the students actively participating in the CoS.</p> <p>To date the implementation tasks have not caused any meaningful adjustments to our projects original objectives.</p>	
<p>2. What is the status of in-progress project tasks?</p> <p>The Advising Community of Support was launched in September and we are observing engagement between the advisor and student, as well as student to student. Advisors have been posting new items, current happenings around campus, seeing discussions, and holding office hours. Developing of the content and implementation of the Advising Community of Support was on time. The purchase and implementation of SmarterMeasure™ was delayed due to circumstances beyond our control and will be implemented by December 1.</p>	

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3. Compare the current status of the project with regard to scope, schedule and cost with the original submission. Please also describe the cause for any significant variance from the original plan.

Task	Anticipated Milestone	Actual or New Anticipated Milestone	Additional Information
SmarterMeasure™ Purchase	9/8/2015	10/19/2015	Our milestone was adjusted according to the acceptance and after launch of the Advising Community of Support. The initial launch did not include SmarterMeasure™.
SmarterMeasure™ Implementation	9/15/2015	12/1/2015	The implementation of SmarterMeasure™ into CoS was rather aggressive. We experienced unexpected hurdles and needed approvals prior to implementing SmarterMeasure™ into Desire to Learn.
CoS Design and Development in Brightspace by D2L	9/1/2015	9/14/2015	The design and development of CoS happened quickly, through being proactive the foundational work was completed leading up to the notification of grant acceptance.
Communication Plan to Students Prepared & Ready to Implement	9/11/2015	9/28/2015	Communication plan to students included a pre-assessment the week prior. During the week of implementation a full communication plan was executed.

	Original Proposal	Actual Status
Scope	To implement Advising Community of Support and SmarterMeasure™	The Advising Community of Support was successfully implemented to encourage and improve student to advisor and student to student relationships.
Schedule	Modified	The Advising Community of Support was launched without the addition of SmarterMeasure™. SmarterMeasure™ is expected to be implemented by 12/1/2015.
Cost	\$20,000	Cost will be near \$20,000

4. Risk Assessment

a. Describe any significant new or anticipated risks to the project's successful outcome with regard to scope, schedule or cost.

The only new risk we would be faced with is if SmarterMeasure is not implemented by 12/1/2015. After many meetings we feel confident this milestone will remain on schedule.

b. Describe the mitigation strategies to address these new or anticipated risks.

We have scheduled a meeting for Monday 11/23 to finalize the content for the SmarterMeasure™ and complete a final test of the launch of SmarterMeasure™ prior to implementation scheduled for 12/1/2015.