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Chair's Report

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GRIP Highlights

- CLASS task forces will replace GRIP (Provost Initiative)
 - Onboarding
 - FYE
 - Academic Support
 - Financial Aid
 - Leadership

GRIP Highlights

- 4 year graduation rates up 7%; 6 year graduation rates up 7%
- Graduating student survey results
 - Areas of consistently high satisfaction: content of courses, quality of instruction, accessible faculty
 - Areas of lower satisfaction: major courses offered when needed, academic support services, classroom technology, advisor accessibility
- Some results by dept/college available through IR

GRIP Highlights (cont.)

- First year retention has increased some, but not a quantum leap
 - Number declines as class rank declines
 - Very high retention for African American females
- High retention for peer mentors
- CLASS task force working to create 7-8 Academic Pathways

GRIP Highlights (cont.)

- Advising Update
 - Creation of strategic plan with specific goals
 - SSC Campus – live fall 2016
 - DegreeWorks – audit and planner components to help students lock down plans
 - More centralization and standardization
 - More proactive and intentional advising
 - More accessibility
 - Professional Development

Other Updates

- Summer policy from last year is no longer in place
- Working on summer academy for students who are at risk of dropping out
- Faculty are encouraged to continue developing effective online courses to better serve students

COLFA

- Passed resolution
- Dean met with chairs/senators last week to discuss plans
- Cut seems to be closer to 15% than 50%
- Working on getting students involved/informed

Future Initiatives

- Curriculum streamlining and review
- Budget collaboration at the department level