

**SUNY Oswego
Retention Task Force**

Background: SUNY Oswego has a variety of initiatives to improve learning, retention, student perception of student engagement and SUNY Oswego in general. Our retention rates remain fairly constant. Our MOU goal is 80% retention 1st to 2nd year. To meet that goal, we need to identify some new strategies to promote student success. We will also ask for a review and recommendations on transfer retention rates.

Membership representation

Provost Designees:

Admissions (1)

Compass (1)

Student Affairs (Res. Life, Athletics) (1)

Institutional Research (1)

OLS/EOP (1)

Assoc. Provost (1)

Asst/Assoc deans (3)

Elected by Faculty Assembly:

A&S (4 faculty, 1 from each subdivision)

SOE (1 faculty)

SOB (1 faculty)

Timeline

November 12: Approve task force proposal

Nov. 26: Elect and designate TF members

December: First meeting to review charge and begin studies

January 2008: Convene TF, complete data review

During semester: Regular updates to FA

By May 08: Submit report with recommendations on strategies to be implemented beginning Summer 2008

Charge

- analyze data collected by Institutional Research in order to identify factors contributing to success and target areas for attention
- review other studies of student retention for information on best practices
- study policies and practices on peer campuses with better retention success
- make recommendations on new strategies to adopt during spring semester
- make recommendations on additional strategies to be implemented over time for continuing improvements in retention success