# Student Success Priority Implementation Plan

## Learning Communities

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| 1. Increase the number of “traditional” LCs | 12/1/04 | 9/1/05 | C | - Grown from 11 to 20 LC’s, with 400 students  
- Residential and non-residential LC’s offered  
- Inclusion of Freshmen Summer Institute as LC in Summer 06 |
| 2. Continue LCs into the spring semester | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | C | - 5 LC’s offered for Spring 07; 3 new; 2 continuing  
- LA&S 101 and 301 offered  
- *Anticipated LC growth into Summer Session  

A couple for summer. |
| 3. Create Upperclass LCs | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | C | - Fall 07 to include most majors and schools in planning process  
- Many LC’s open to all undergraduates  

Doing this now. In place for Fall 07 and one in Spg 07. |
| 4. Expand LCs to the Edwards campus | 7/1/06 | 6/30/07 | C | - In Spring ’07 there will be a Biology LC.  
- They are working on Social Work and Public Administration for the Fall ’07 semester. |
| 5. Create LCs based on interests, not courses | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | C | - Developed Study Abroad LC’s; careers and professional schools (Bus. / Engin, etc.)  
- Leadership; performing arts; Honors, Service Learning, Global Awareness, etc.  
- In development: LC’s with special focus: Chancellor’s LC; Confucius Institute, etc.  
- Dole Institute; Lied Center included in planning initiatives |
| 6. Hire an adequate LC staff | 10/1/04 | 2/1/05 | C | - Program Director hired 5/06 (Gail James)  
- Associate Director named (Linda Dixon)  
- Administrative Associate Senior position filled 7/06 (Leslie Traylor) |
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| 7. Adequately fund LC programs | 10/1/04 | 6/30/05 | C | - Adequate budget approved for personnel, operations and activities  
- Student salaries (for Peer Educators) satisfactory  
- Faculty stipends adequate for present  
- Proposal for growth needs in process  
Budget from tuition enhancement to 2008. |
| 8. Provide stipends to LC instructors | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | C | IP  
- Provision for $500. per Faculty Facilitator for travel, books, etc.  
- Provision for $100. per LC for hospitality & activities  
- Exploring incentives for participation of depts.  
- Exploring honoraria for faculty fellowships (CTE model) |
| 9. Create a standard, adequate compensation rate for Peer Educators | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | C | -$8-9 hourly rate; recent increase for all, including upgrade for senior PE  
- Stipends for residential PE’s |
| 10. Market LCs more effectively | 11/1/05 | 6/30/06 & ongoing | C | - Marketing Plan in place  
- Promotional materials in development (video, viewbook)  
- Increased activity among departments and other offices (internal)  
- Increased outreach activity, including mailings, presentations, for parents, high schools, etc. (external)  
They have updated their brochure and a new brochure is in progress. |
| 11. Develop assessment models for LC success | 11/1/05 | 6/30/06 | IP | - Current assessment practices in review  
- Student surveys, focus groups, each semester  
- Program and LC assessment survey in development for FF and staff  
- Assessment model and plan in development: looking at #’s and qualitative assessment  
- * 2 Year Grant for Assessment received 8/06  
- OIRP data plan in process; present and longitudinal profiles  
Surveys and focus groups will be ongoing. Big achievement getting the grant.
| 12. Expand and improve training and development for PEs and faculty | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | C | - 3 day training for PE’s, including academic, mentoring and resources training  
- 1 session orientation for Faculty Facilitators  
- CTE collaboration for development workshops for faculty and staff 06-07  
- 3 additional workshops planned for Spring 07 |
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| 13. Create a standing advisory committee for LCs | 1/3/05 | 6/30/05 | C | - existing (2004-06) Advisory Committee in place; minutes and decisions on file  
- revised Advisory Council established Fall 06; expanded membership to include faculty, staff, students and participants  
- Faculty Liaison Council (ambassadors) approved for Jan 07 for outreach and support  
*Important Partnerships established with FSAC, NSO, CLAS |
| 14. Expand course inclusions | 7/1/05 | 6/30/06 | IP | - English; Science; Western & non-Western Civ; languages and culture; performing arts;  
- Sophomore and upper-level offerings and promotion  
Will continue to expand and have 300+ level courses. |
| 15. Fully implement an RFP model for selecting LCs | 11/1/04 | 6/30/05 | C | - Existing RFP revised and implemented Fall 06  
First model was IA. Now using their own. |

Updated Status Items:  
**IP** = In Progress  
**C** = Completed  
**NA** = Not Applicable  
**TA** = To Address