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MOVING STUDENT SUCCESS TO THE CORE

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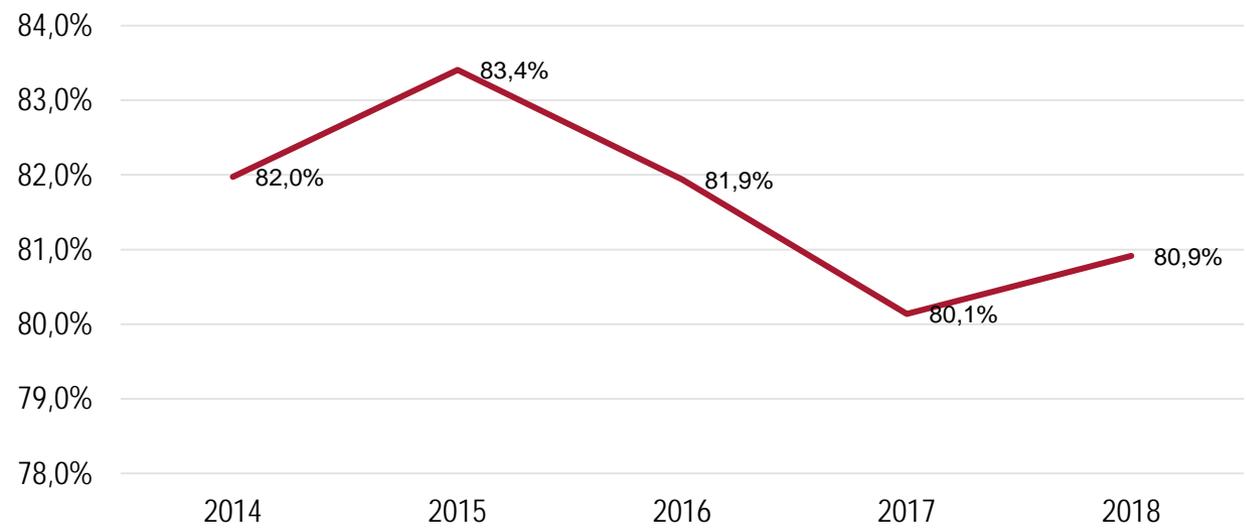
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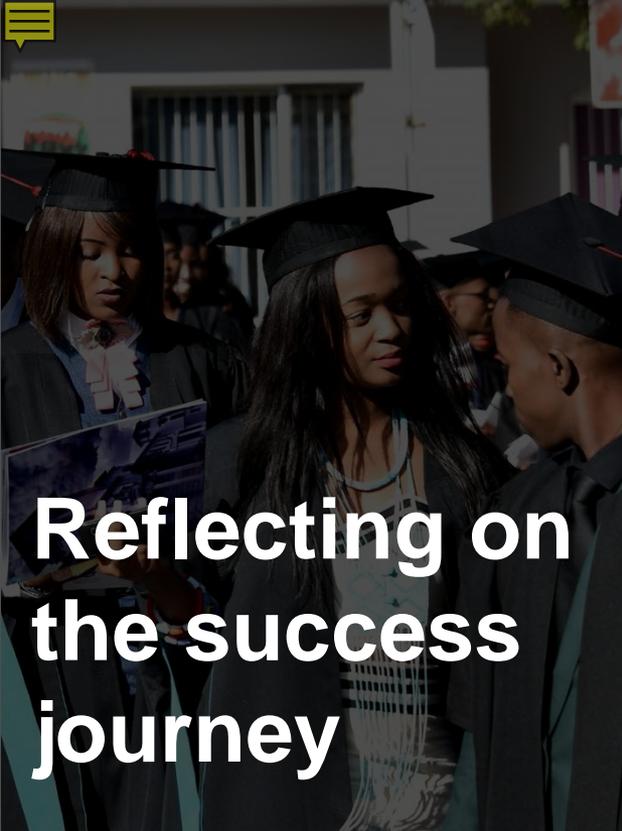


Reflecting on the success journey

Undergraduate success rate

UG SUCCESS RATE

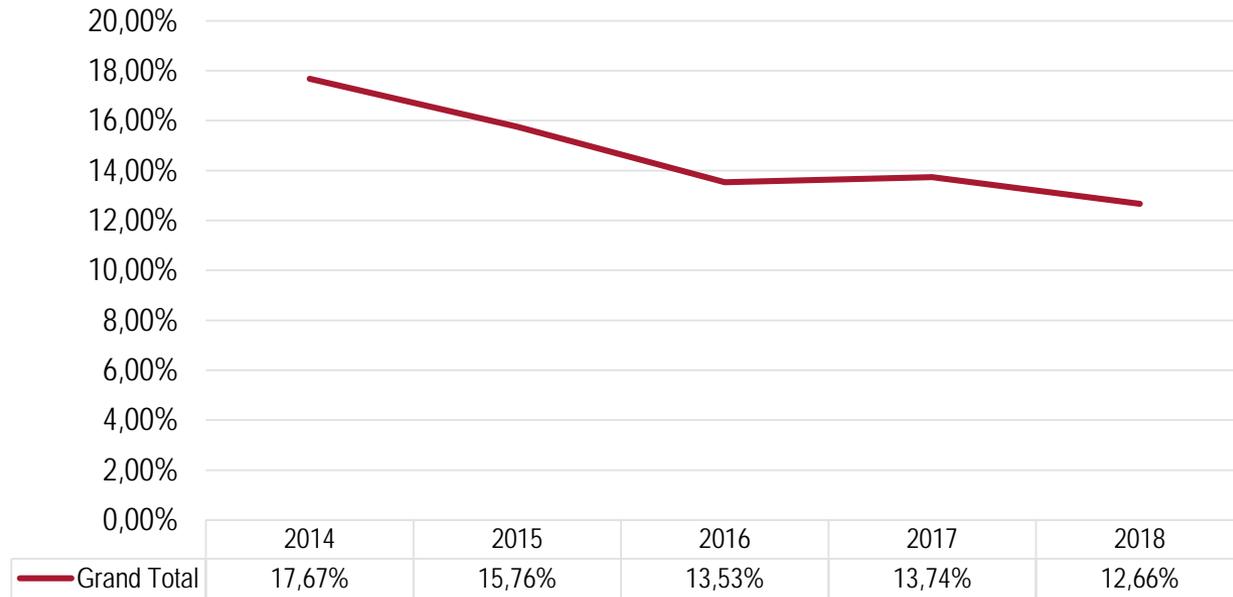




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First time undergraduate dropout rate from year 1 to 2

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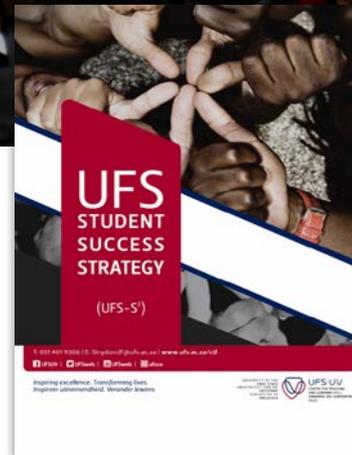


Articulating the vision

- UFS Strategic plan 2018-2022 - *Widening and accelerating the scope of transformation*
 - Strategic goal 1:
 - Improve student success and well-being
 - Key performance areas
 - Increase student success and throughput rates, and reduce the achievement gap.
 - Develop graduate attributes in curricular and co-curricular interventions.
 - Improve student safety and health issues.



Developing appropriate policy environment for success



UFS – Student Success Strategy



Graduate attribute development plan



Integrating success into the core

- Learning and Teaching Strategy
 - Strategic Priorities
 1. Fostering the development of Graduate Attributes
 2. Student learning and success as the focal point
 3. Curriculum responsiveness
 4. Flexible learning and teaching design
 5. Empowering academics for 21st century teaching
 6. Quality focused, research-led learning and teaching

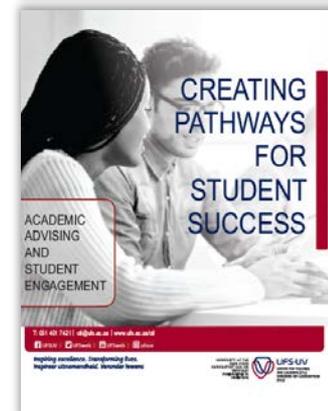
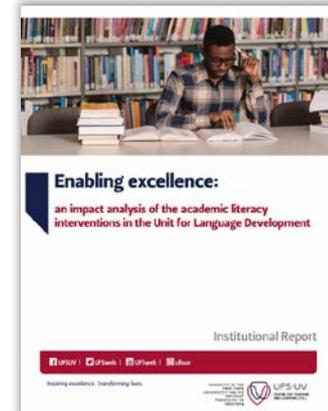
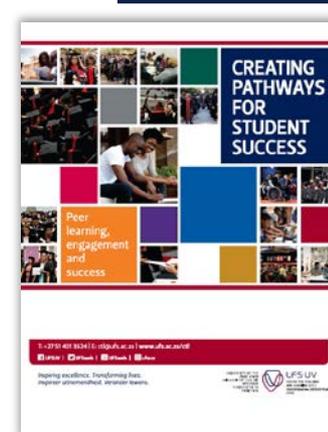


Strategies to improve retention & success

- SCALING HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES
 - UFS 101 (Compulsory module in First year experience)
 - 9200 students
 - A-STEP Tutorials
 - 10 230 students reached
 - Academic Advising
 - Face-to-face, group advising and digital platforms reached 16639
 - Language Development
 - 10 717 student enrolled in compulsory language development
 - 18400 student making use of academic writing support (face-to-face and digital)

Strategies to improve retention & success

- IMPROVED TRAINING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION
 - UFS 101
 - Data driven curriculum innovation
 - A-STEP Tutorials
 - Weekly data analysis
 - Academic Advising
 - Academic Advising Professional Development – Short Learning Programme
 - Language Development
 - Impact analysis



Strategies to improve retention & success

- BUILDING TRUST AND NETWORKS

- Monthly engagement with faculties on learning and teaching needs
- Weekly Siyaphumelela meetings between:
 - Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - Directorate of Institutional Planning and Research (DIRAP)
 - Student Academic Services
 - ICT services
- Khothatsa project

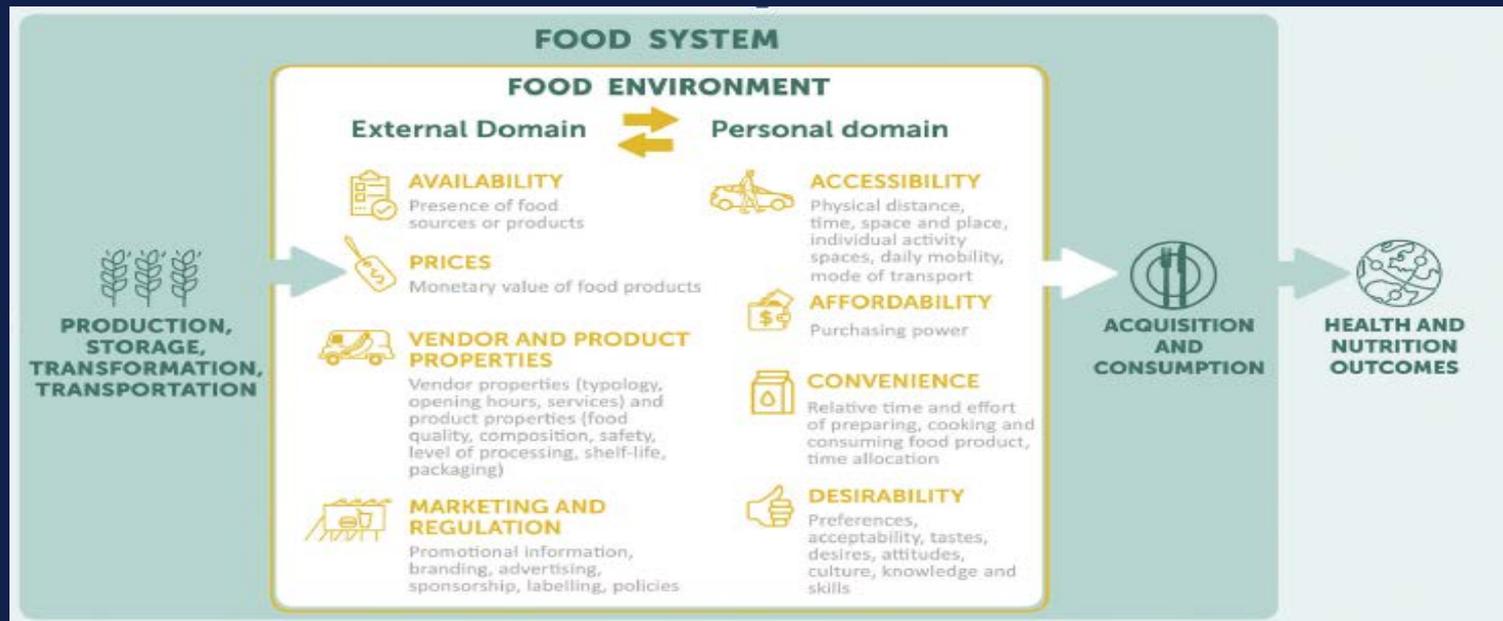


Strategies to improve retention & success

• DEVELOPING AN APPROACH TO THE FOOD ENVIRONMENT

- UFS Food Environment Task Team
- Conceptual framework allows reflection on the external and personal domain
 - Strategic planning workshop with stakeholders
 - Internal: Student Affairs, CTL, Financial Aid
 - External: NGO's, Dept of Basic Education, Institutes and International researchers
- Developing a strategy

Conceptual framework of the food environment (Turner et al., 2018)



Questions?



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