

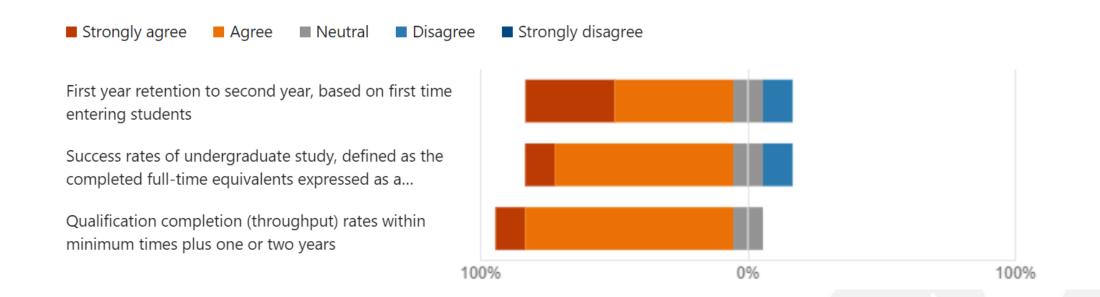
Participant Evaluation Meeting

8-9 December 2022

Annual goals



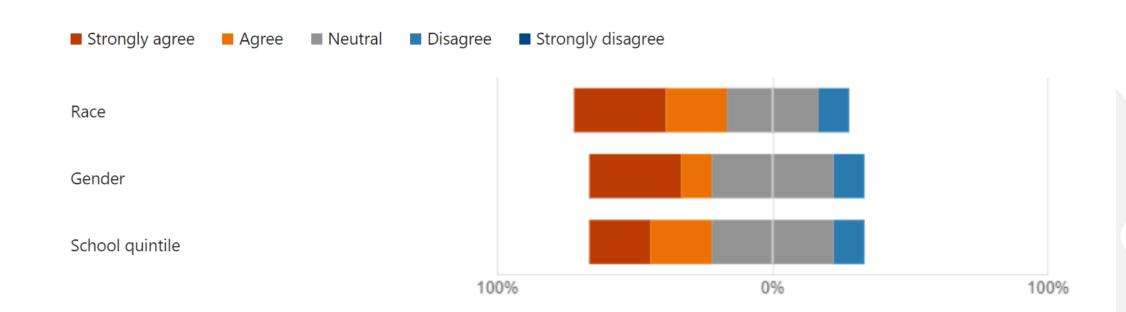
7. My institution has developed annual goals for student success by improving the following indicators for 3-year and 4-year degrees and 3-year diplomas



Removing Differences



8. Within the indicators above, my institution has removed differences based on:



Memorandum of Agreement	Institution	Sefako Makgotho Health Sciences University	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Sol Plaatje University	University of Johannesburg	Vaal University of Technology	Walter Sisulu University	Rhodes University	University of Venda	North-West University
My institution has	7.1 First year retention to second year, based on first time entering students	Agree	Neutral	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
developed annual goals for student success by improving the following indicators for 3-year and 4-year degrees and 3-year	7.2 Success rates of undergraduate study, defined as the completed full-time equivalents expressed as a percentage of the enrolled full-time equivalents	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree
diplomas	7.3 Qualification completion (throughput) rates within minimum times plus one or two years	Agree	Agree	Agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Neutral	Agree
	8.2 Gender	Neutral	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Neutral	Neutral	Strongly agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree
My institution has removed differences based on:	8.1 Race	Disagree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Neutral	Neutral	Strongly agree	Neutral	Agree	Agree
	8.3 School quintile	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Neutral	Neutral	Strongly agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree

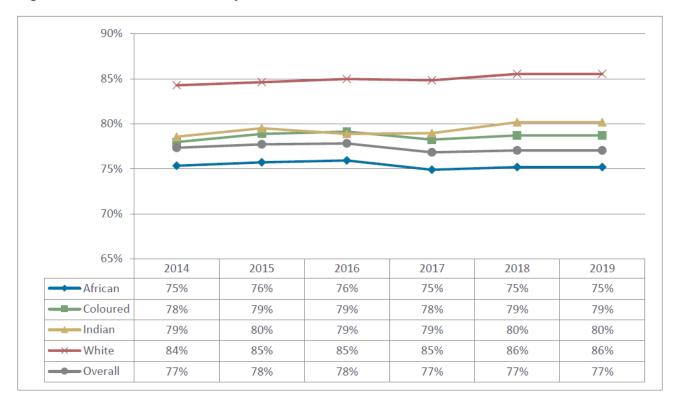
UG Degree Credit Success Rates (HEMIS)

			Covid-19			
Institution	2019		2021	Change 2019-2020	Change 2020-2021	Change 2019-2021
Cape Peninsula University of Technology	80%				-4%	
Central University of Technology	76%				-5%	
Durban University of Technology	87%				0%	
Mangosuthu University of Technology	80%				-3%	
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University	79%				-2%	
North West University	83%	92%	89%	9%	-4%	6%
Rhodes University	84%	82%	81%	-2%	-1%	-3%
Sefako Makgatho Health Science University	87%	96%	93%	9%	-3%	6%
Sol Plaatje University Northern Cape	83%	83%	83%	0%	0%	0%
Tshwane University of Technology	77%	81%	81%	4%	0%	4%
University of Cape Town	85%	90%	80%	5%	-10%	-5%
University of Fort Hare	84%	86%	86%	2%	0%	2%
University of Johannesburg	86%	89%	87%	4%	-2%	2%
University of KwaZulu-Natal	85%	91%	90%	6%	-1%	5%
University of Limpopo	84%	90%	89%	6%	-1%	5%
University of Mpumalanga	82%	83%	87%	1%	4%	5%
University of Pretoria	84%	88%	86%	5%	-2%	2%
University of South Africa	69%	79%	67%	10%	-13%	-3%
University of Stellenbosch	87%	90%	83%	3%	-7%	-5%
University of the Free State	81%	88%	84%	8%	-4%	
University of Venda	82%	82%	91%	0%	9%	9%
University of Western Cape	82%	88%	83%	6%	-5%	
University of Witwatersrand	82%	86%	83%	4%	-3%	1%
University of Zululand	83%	86%	85%	3%	-1%	2%
Vaal University of Technology	74%	85%	86%	11%	1%	12%
Walter Sisulu University	80%	90%	88%	9%	-1%	8%
Sector	79%	85%	79%	6%	-5%	1%

Course Success rates by race from 2014 to 2019 (CHE VitalStats 2019)



Figure 20: Course success rates by race from 2014 to 2019



Have we removed differences based on race in our Success Rates?

Figure 130: Accumulative throughput comparison of 2012, 2013 and 2014 cohorts finishing within regulation time up to n+2 years for 3-year diplomas, 3-year degrees, 4-year degrees and weighted national rate (excluding UNISA)



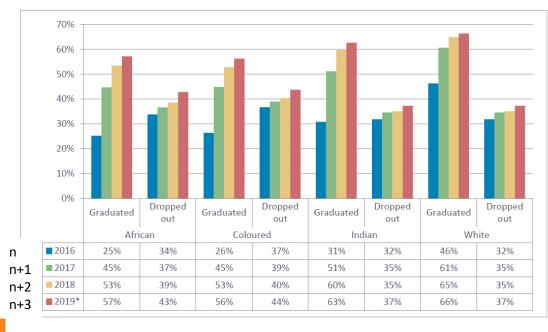
Figure 104: Throughput rates by race for 4-year degrees with first year of enrolment in 2014 (excluding UNISA) – accumulative



Figure 98: Throughput rates by race for 360-credit diplomas with first year of enrolment in 2014 (excluding UNISA) – accumulative



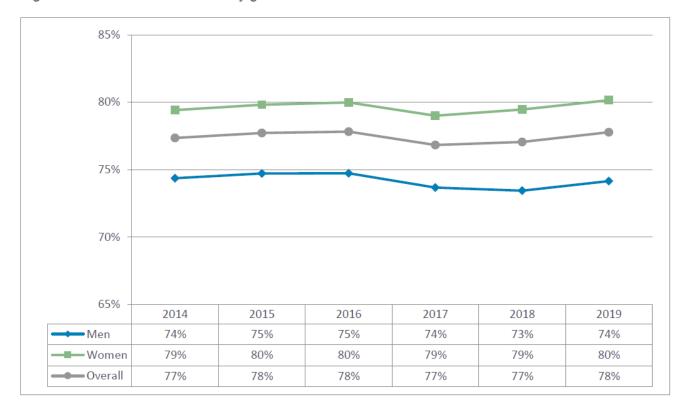
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Course Success rates by gender from 2014 to 2019 (CHE VitalStats 2019)



Figure 21: Course success rates by gender from 2014 to 2019



Have we removed differences based on gender in our Success Rates?

% female FTEn and % female graduates (HEMIS)

	% female	First-time	Entering	% female graduates			
Institution	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	
Cape Peninsula University of Technology	54%	55%	58%	57%	50%	74%	
Central University of Technology	56%	53%	55%	75%	70%	67%	
Durban University of Technology	54%	53%	56%	69%	70%	70%	
Mangosuthu University of Technology	50%	52%	53%	51%	50%	67%	
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University	54%	55%	57%	57%	61%	64%	
North West University	64%	63%	60%	63%	65%	62%	
Rhodes University	61%	65%	68%	58%	64%	66%	
Sefako Makgatho Health Science University	64%	62%	64%	66%	68%	73%	
Sol Plaatje University Northern Cape	61%	59%	60%	70%	73%	69%	
Tshwane University of Technology	53%	52%	55%	67%	54%	55%	
University of Cape Town	54%	55%	54%	57%	57%	60%	
University of Fort Hare	56%	57%	59%	64%	64%	60%	
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University of Zululand	57%	56%	55%	63%	63%	61%	
Vaal University of Technology	50%	50%	50%	64%	52%	60%	
Walter Sisulu University	55%	56%	57%	65%	62%	72%	
Grand Total	60%	62%	60%	66%	67%	65%	

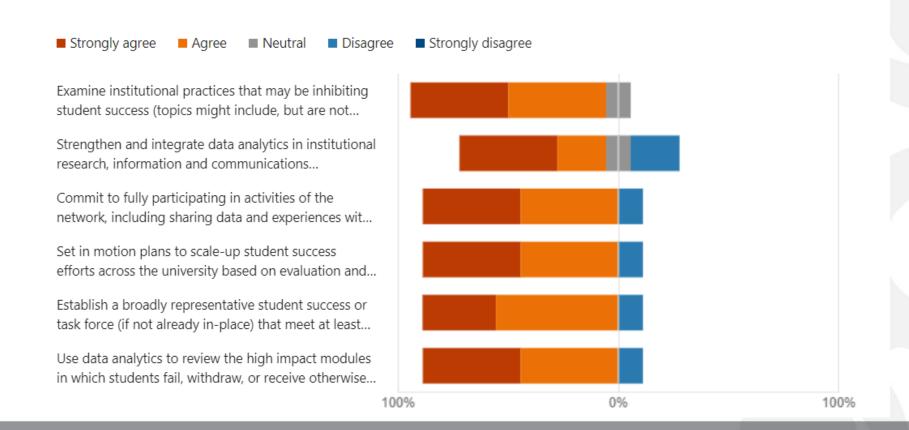


What is our own institutional data saying?

Institutional Practices



9. My institution has committed to the following institutional practices



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Examine institutional practices that may be inhibiting student success (topics might include, but are not limited to, admissions, financial aid, academic support, non-academic support, academic ad	Agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly agree	Agree
Strengthen and integrate data analytics in institutional research, information and communications technology, academic development, planning and academic divisions;	Agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Neutral
Use data analytics to review the high impact modules in which students fail, withdraw, or receive otherwise unsatisfactory grades to identify opportunities to improve student success, and implemen	Agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	Agree
Establish a broadly representative student success committee or task force (if not already in-place) that meet at least one a quarter comprising representatives of institutional research, information and co	Agree	Agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Commit to fully participating in activities of the network , including s haring data and experiences with	Agree	Agree	Strongly	Agree	Agree	Strongly	Disagree	Strongly	Strongly

agree

Strongly

agree

other Siyaphumelela Network 2.0 partners on student

success;

Set in motion plans to scale-up student success efforts

across the university based on evaluation and other

evidence of effectiveness.

Agree

Agree

Agree

Strongly

agree

Disagree

Disagree

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Coaches

What role have the coaches played

- Advocacy and understanding of Siyaphumelela
- Understanding data
- Created partnerships
- Assisted with Student Success Committee
- Mentorship
- Meeting with DVC
- ESSENTIAL and much needed coaching and leadership in implementation of successful student success strategies

Additional roles coaches could play

- Reflect, monitor and review activities and processes
- Meet with the new DVC
- Engage with (new) executives about Siyaphumelela
- Help understand the different theories as applied to student success
- Linking us to other practitioners of student success



How coaches have engaged with Executive Management

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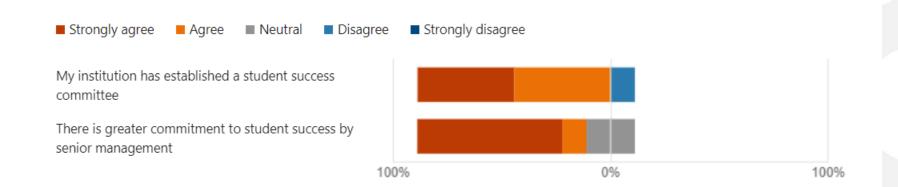
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University of Johannesburg	Pillay	Feedback and interaction. Connected us with others	We are satisfied with his engagement	No
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Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Elizabeth Booi	Guide on understanding some of the data emerging out of the project	She served as a mentor and allowed us to remain engaged and aligned to Siyaphumelela objectives	Through the Director for Teaching and Learning, who is also a Co-Chair of the project
Vaal University of Technology	Elizab	She assisted in the formulation of our Student Success Committee	She will be very instrumental as we engage other executives about this project as an out side person.	Not yet
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Sefako Makgotho Health Sciences University	Wendy Kilfoil	Helped us understand the role of Siyaphumelela and its importance to institutional support, and approaches to consider in implementing Siyaphumelela initiatives at the university	Due to change management, we have not had much engagement with her to help us reflect on the activities aimed at student success, to monitor and review our processes. We therefore, trust that she would still play a critical role as reintroduce Siyaphumelela to the new DVC work towards implement our plan with regards to student success frameworks.	She has been part of the planning meetings with the previous DVC, and introduction of Siyaphumelela, however, yet to meet the new DVC. We are yet to plan for the meeting
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NWU	3		2	2		1			2	3	4	2	1	9
RU			1											1
SMU				2			2	2	1	1	1		6	7
SPU	3		3	1		1	1	1	1	2	2			9
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UFS	3		3			2				3	5		3	6
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UniVen		4	1				1			_				3
VUT	_		6	2		3			1	5	2			6
WSU	3	6	1	2				1		1	3			7
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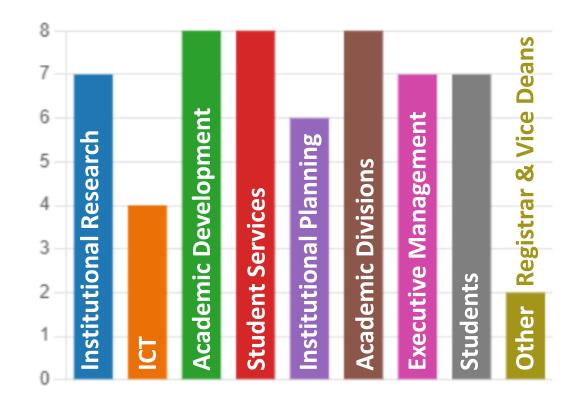
Participation in Siyaphumelela Network

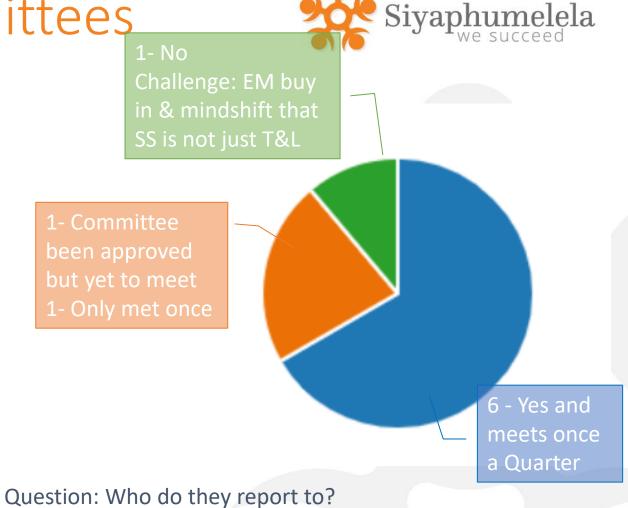


10. Please state how you agree/disagree to the following statements as a result of your institution participating in the Siyaphumelela Network



Student Success Committees





DREAM 2022

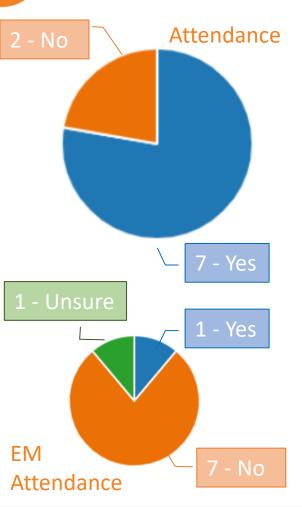




- Exposure to international conversations, insights and initiatives on student success
- Exposure to resources and best practices
- Understand and confirm importance of data and data analysis to support student success
- Establish collaborative relationships with colleagues

2022 Siyaphumelela Conference





- Attended by student success committee advocacy for Siyaphumelela project and importance of student success
- Exposed to national conversations and initiatives on student success
- Insights into shared experience/challenges across institutions
- Able to share resources with other colleagues at my institution
- Provide a platform for students to participate in and be exposed to national student success practices and initatives

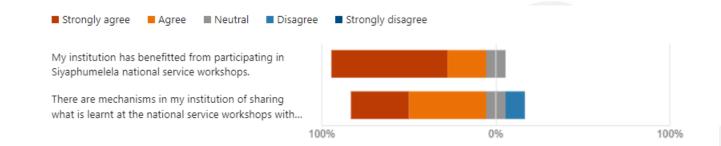
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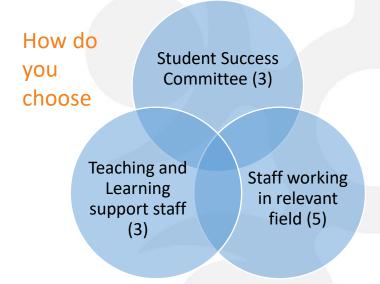
Service Workshops



Have or Have not benefited

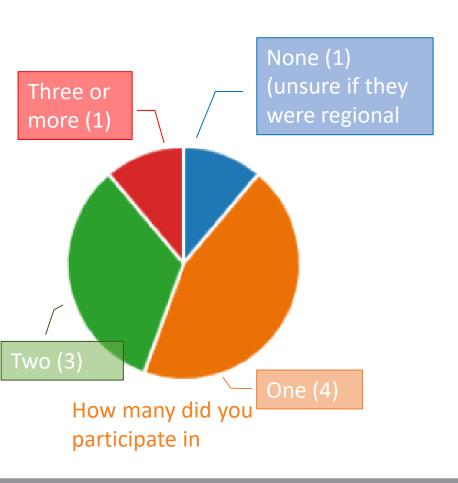
- Benchmarking best practice
- Networking and for partnerships post-Siyaphumelela
- Sharing of knowledge and experiences
- Context matters reflect on what may work at my institution and then implement unique model
- Continuous professional development i.e. Academic Advising
- Builds capacity of staff and stakeholders
- Contributes to a culture of student success
- Does not foster collaboration
- Need a mechanism for sharing when people come back from sessions





Regional Workshops





How and why it was beneficial:

- Regional student success initiatives: Presenting,
 sharing and learning –
- Establish collaborative regional relationships
- Share similar student profiles and hence can share practices (context matters)

Focus or topics of future Regional Workshops



- Early warning systems
- Data analysis for student success
- Data visualisation
- Designing and implementing models of student success
- Move from sharing to doing a collaborative regional project
- Student Advising
- Predictive Models

- Dashboarding
- Involving academics in Student Success initiatives
- Collaborating for Student Success
- Student retention (in EC universities – retaining students in the province)
- Research on and participate in research on student success

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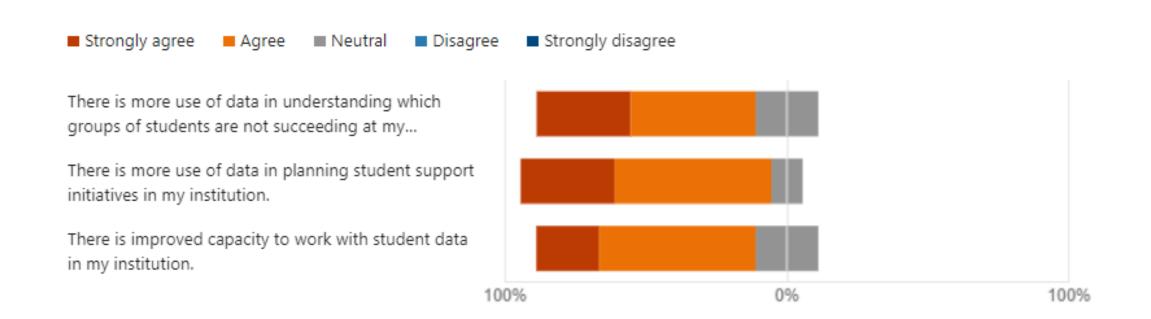
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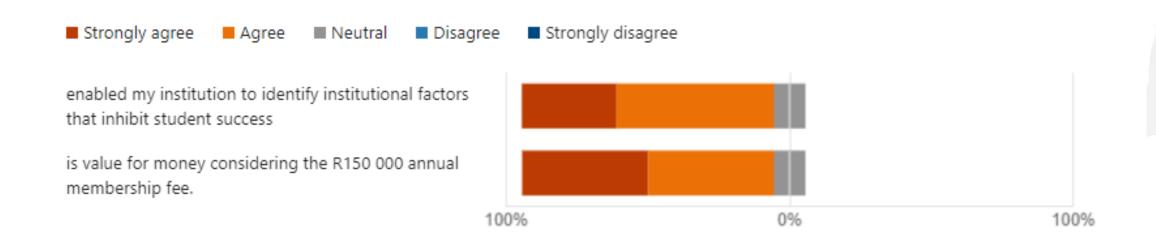
33. As a result of participating in the Siyaphumelela Network:



Participating in the Siyaphumelela Network



35. Participating in the Siyaphumelela Network



What changes have happened at your institution as a result of participating in the Siyaphumelela Network



- Started to focus on data (collect it, use it efficiently to support our students)
- Greater emphasis on understand student success through data.
- Involvement in regional group discussions (not happening before)
- Establishment of Student Success Committee
- Focus on a student advising system
- Breaking down of siloes/greater collaboration
- Seeing results of piloted student success initiatives
- Awareness of impact of student success initiatives on the overall success of the institution

Challenges you face in participating in Siyaphumelela Activities



- None
- Availability to attend workshops because of workloads
- Repetition of content of 2021 workshops in 2022.
- Balancing workloads
- Resistance to change
- Not much appreciate of student success by academic and support

staff.

- Limited resources within institution to apply learnings
- Timing of workshops
- Low capacity in data analytics
- Siloes within the institution
- Aligning student success project planning with operational planning at the institution

Please suggest ways project implementation could be improved in your institution



- Aligning student success project planning with operational planning at the institution
- Have more Siyaphumelela people join our institutional activities as part of the support structure
- How far can Siyaphumelela presenters support individual institutions on an individual basis?
- Dedicated (full-time) staff on the project
- Moving from something we talk about to something that we are doing

- something about
- Creating team leaders from all directorates to participate in projects
- Increase awareness of the necessity of student success in the University Community
- Needs to be a team of people working on the group with students
- Improved capacity for Academic Advising and focus on institution-wide understandings.
- Track efficiency of student support holistically

Willingness to participate in the Siyaphumelela Network in 2023



