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The Dynamics of Student Success: Discovering, Knowing, Doing and Becoming

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Siyaphumelela Conference
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Venue: The Wanderers Club at Protea Hotel by Marriott® Johannesburg Wanderers

Senzo's Journey at UKZN

- Access to UKZN
- First Year Experience
- Foundation Programme: Extended BCom Accounting
- How did I achieve success in my first year?
- How am I achieving success in my second year?
- What are the structures available to assist?
  - Academic advising
  - Tutors
  - Peer mentoring
  - Faith
- How will I meet the expectations of me?
- About my future……

Lessons Learnt from Siya 2.0

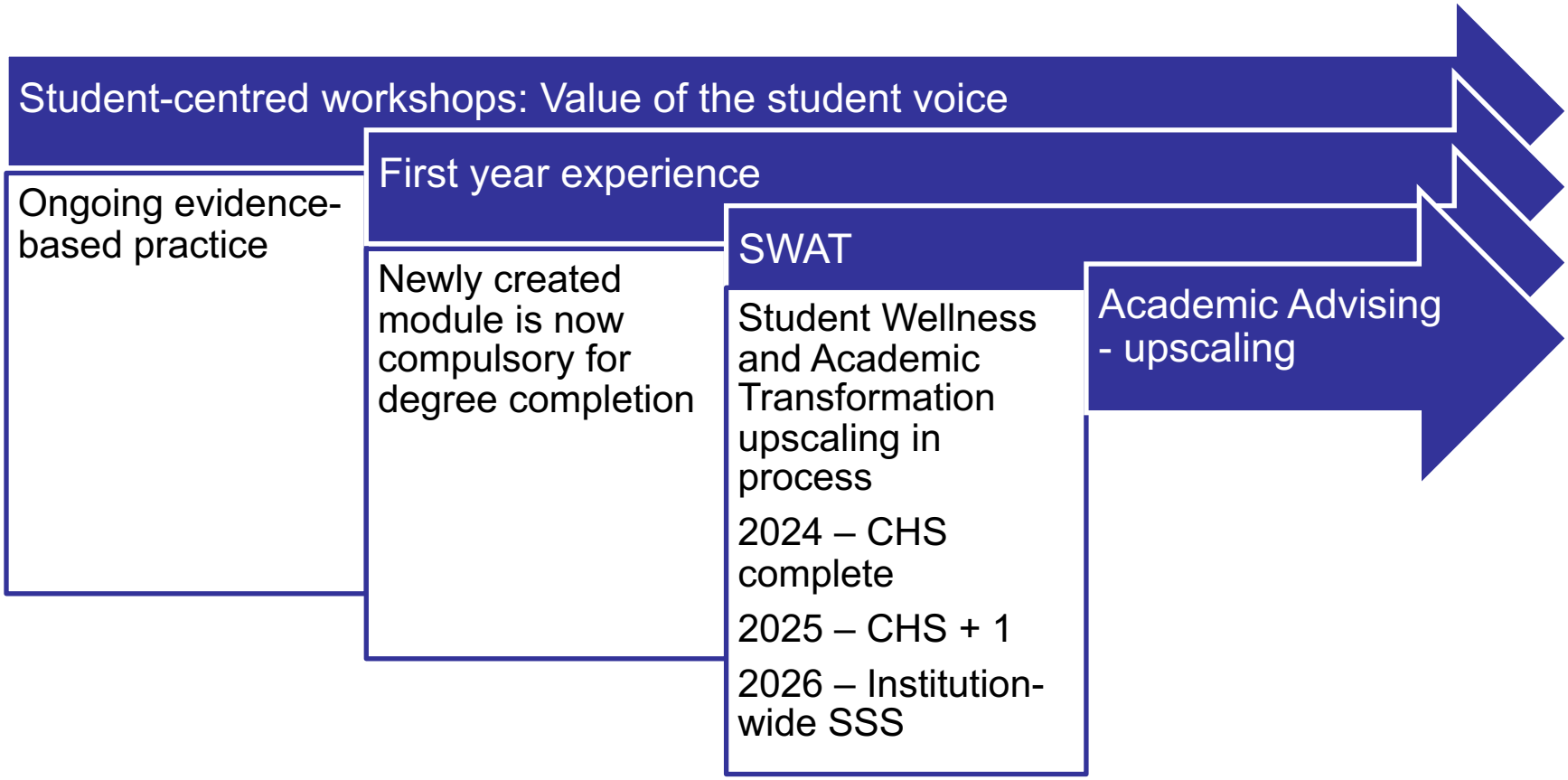
- First Year Experience
- Critical Social Justice
- Generate widespread buy-in
- Pinpoint goals and objectives
- Engage Siyaphumelela coach
- Learn from the Saide staff and Siya network
- Discover and apply your differentiation
- Be grateful for where you are but search deeper
- Embrace multiple ways of knowing
- Perpetuity of becoming and transforming

From Siyaphumelela 2.0 to 3.0

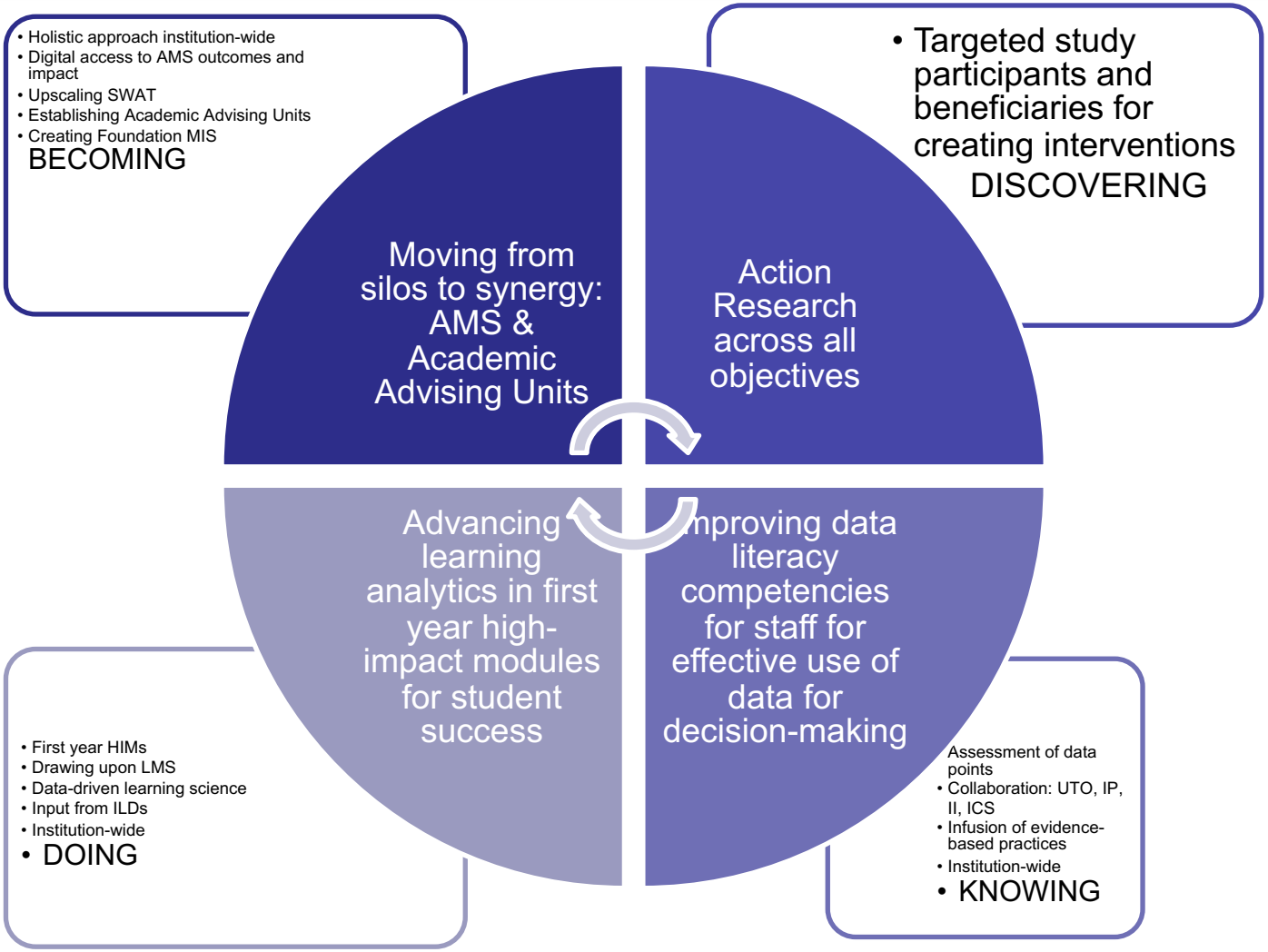
TOWARDS STUDENT-CENTRED INTEGRATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES:

DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING AND TESTING INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENT ACCESS AND SUCCESS

Building upon Siya 2.0



Siya 3.0 Objectives



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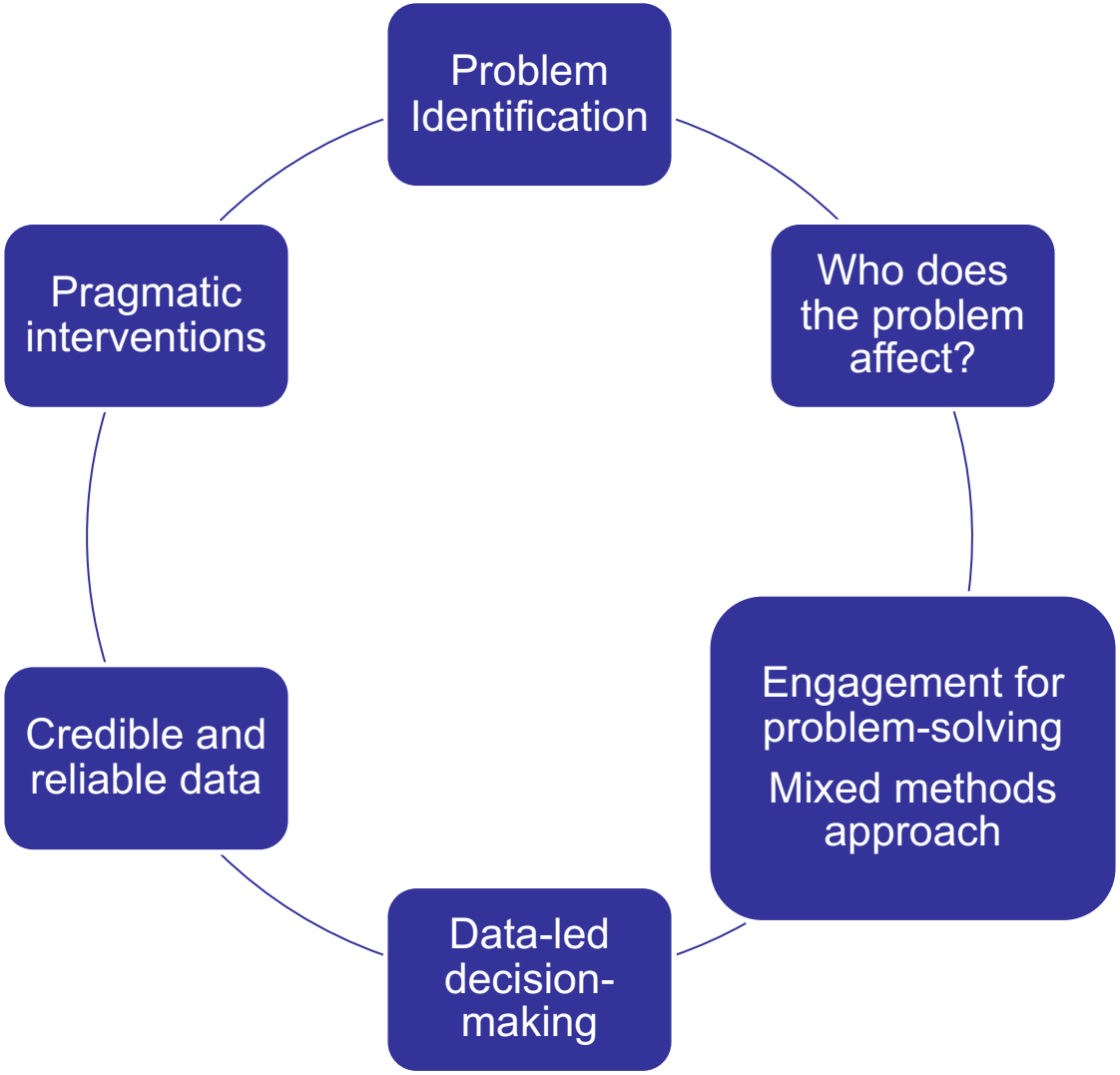

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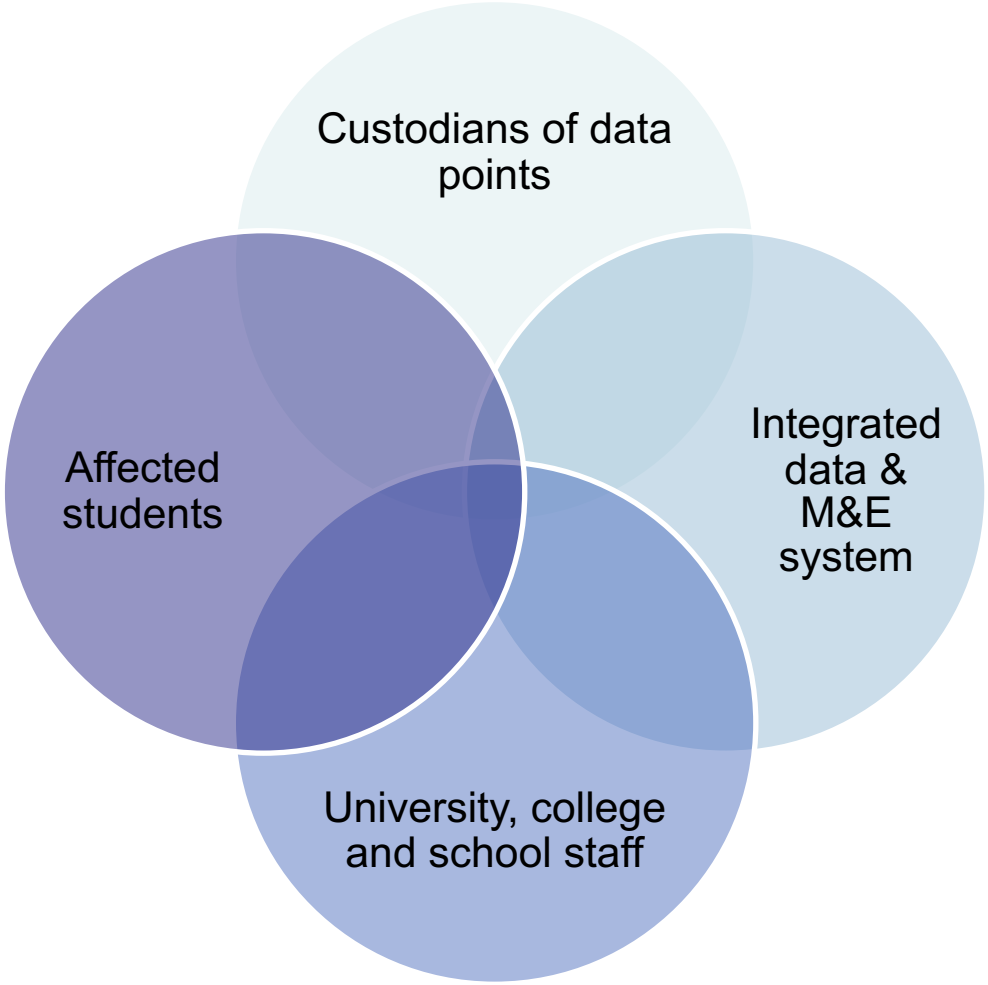

Expected Outcomes and Impact

- Input from our reorganised Student Success Committee: Student Access and Success Advisory Group – reporting to the University Teaching and Learning Committee (of Senate)
- Capacity-building for academics on extracting, interpreting and using University data to better serve students
- Customising evidence-based decision-making
- Designing pragmatic interventions informed by those who the problem affects
- Testing and upscaling interventions institution-wide
- Enhancing and improving student access and success
- Consistently contributing to the Siya Network 3.0

Comments and Questions

- Thank you for your attention and input