

## Participant Convening Meeting

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# STRATEGIC THRUST 1: STUDENT CENTREDNESS

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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1 –  
TO ENHANCE STUDENT  
WELL-BEING AND  
SUCCESS**



**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2 –  
TO ENHANCE  
CURRICULUM AND  
IMPROVE  
GRADUATENESS**



**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3 –  
TO STRENGTHEN THE  
ENGAGEMENT OF  
STUDENTS, STAFF AND  
COMMUNITY  
STAKEHOLDERS**





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# UNIVEN 2021-25 STRATEGY



**Strategic Objective 4 – To enhance teaching and learning support**



**Strategic Objective 5 – To enhance research outputs for innovation and impact**





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# SUCSESSES

- ❑ The support of Siyaphumelela project at the Executive level through t by the DVC: Teaching and Learning is a major strength of the project as leadership is one of the main drivers of the effectiveness of the Student Success Committee.
- ❑ The UNIVEN Biographical Questionnaire : produced a very informative report.
- ❑ The establishment of the Student Success Committee







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# SUCCESSSES

The representation of all sectors of the University in the Student Success Committee (SSC) especially the representation and active participation from Faculties is commendable.

The adoption of the SSC terms of reference and constructive debate on the draft document.

Support and representation from Faculties.



# UNIVEN SUCSESSES



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- First Year Experience Orientation/Continuous orientation
- Peer Educators
- Peer Helpers
- MenTut programme
- New Academic Advisors – Faculty based
- SASSE Surveys?
- Likelihood of NBT use for diagnostic interventions





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# SUCCESSSES

Grades integration into LMS (2024).

Face-recognition system for class attendance (in progress)

Automation of student referrals (in progress).



## IMPEDIMENTS TO IMPLEMENTING/SCALING STUDENT SUCCESS INTERVENTIONS

Intervention	Reach	Analysis
FYE		No monitoring
	75%	Late registered students missed (NSFAS etc)
MenTuts	75%	Innovation
		Language
		Teaching methods
		Identification of “at risk” students. Lecturer request tutor intervention.



## IMPEDIMENTS TO IMPLEMENTING/SCALING STUDENT SUCCESS INTERVENTIONS

Intervention	Reach	Analysis
Peer-helper programme	Advocacy for mental health	No First entering students mentoring (one-on-one)
	Peer-to-peer support	No evaluation of programme/initiations impact
		Insufficient PH numbers compared to students.
SSC Meetings	Transversal	Stakeholder availability for meetings
Academic advisors	Faculties	Only one per faculty One year contract seems problematic

## INCLUDING STUDENT SUCCESS IN UCDG 2024-2026 CYCLE



The summary details of the projects and their alignments to both the UCDG focus area and UNIVEN's new strategic thrusts are presented as follows:

**Project One:** Capacity Development of University Teachers, Researchers and Officers. It addresses UNIVEN's Strategic Thrust 1: Student-Centeredness and Engaged Scholarship.

**Project Two:** *Students' Throughput, Success.* The project is also responding to UNIVEN's Strategic Thrust 1: Student-Centeredness and Engaged Scholarship.

**Project Three:** Recognition of Excellence in Teaching, Research, Innovation, and Commercialization. It addresses UNIVEN's Strategic Thrust 1: Student-Centeredness and Engaged Scholarship; and Strategic Thrust 3: Governance for Outstanding Scholarship.



## INCLUDING STUDENT SUCCESS IN UCDG 2024-2026 CYCLE



**Project Four:** This project is developed from the UCDG focus areas of staff and student development and is contained within UNIVEN's four strategic thrusts.



**Project Five:** Curriculum Development. It is built on the UCDG focus area of programme development. It caters for UNIVEN's Strategic Thrust 1: Student-Centeredness and Engaged Scholarship.



**Project Six:** *Postgraduate Students Throughput and Success.* The project is contained in three strategic thrusts, which are as follows: UNIVEN's Strategic Thrust 1: Student Centeredness and Engaged Scholarship; Strategic Thrust 2: Entrepreneurial University; and Strategic Thrust 4: Linkages, Partnerships and Internationalization.



**Project Seven:** Institutional Capacity Development for Institutional Readiness to Perform Self-Evaluation Reviews. It is built on the UCDG focus area of Programme Development. It caters for UNIVEN's Strategic Thrust 1: Student-Centeredness and Engaged Scholarship



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## INCLUDING STUDENT SUCCESS IN UCDG 2024-2026 CYCLE

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- Interventions supported by UCDG:
  - MenTuts
  - Academic Advisors
  - Peer Helpers
  - Teaching Assistants



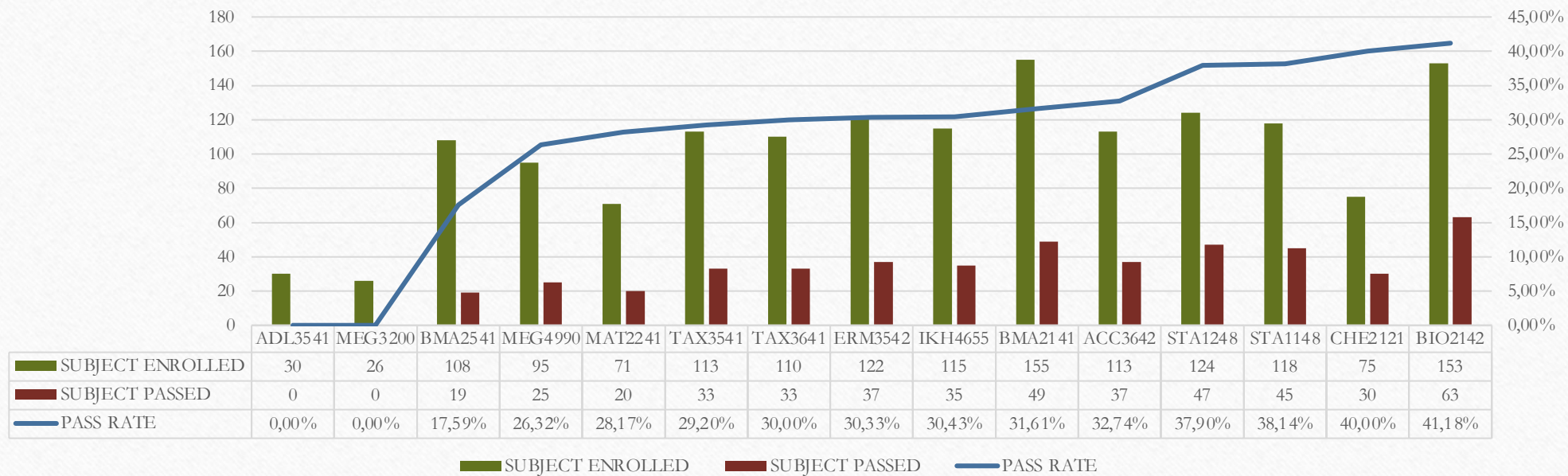
# HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW PLANNED FOR 2024

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- Engagements with Faculty executives on High Impact Modules
- Ensuring monitoring & evaluation of interventions
- Improved Orientation programme
- Improved FYE programme
- Allocation of MenTUTs based on High Impact modules

# HIGH IMPACT MODULES

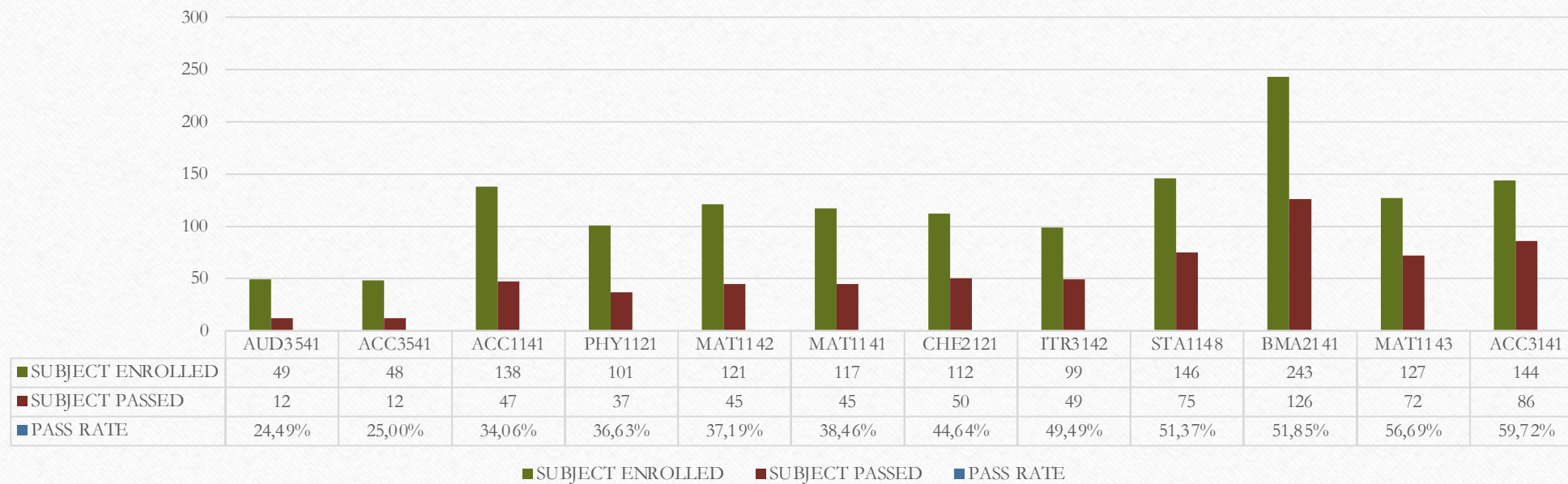
2022 UNIVEN High Impact Modules





# HIGH IMPACT MODULES

2023 UNIVEN High Impact Modules Semester 1





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