Sacramento State Summary of Graduation Initiative Accomplishments

To build a richer culture of success and to advance the goals of the Graduation Initiative, the following keys steps were undertaken:

- Implementation of mandatory advising mechanisms through orientation programming
- Major general education reform to expedite time to degree
- Creation of a Progress to Degree Meter to help students chart their progress to degree completion with meters for general education and the major in particular
- Development of a Male Student Success Initiative to address the gender gap in attainment rates on campus
- Roll out of a campus-wide mentorship program to promote global involvement in the mentorship of students; Roll out of a new campus-wide tutoring Center
- Intentional marketing to communicate the importance of graduation
- Preliminary development of a sophomore success curriculum
- Built an inventory of resources for faculty to help with graduation and retention efforts
- Formulation of a University Retention Tool to track student usage of services
- Hosted a Recruit Back Day for students dropping out of the University to encourage their return (such efforts included surveying drop out students)
- Created a new senate sub-committee of Academic Policies specifically devoted to student retention; created a Provost's Research Initiative to gather data on retention
- Generated grants in support of expanded programming for freshmen (FYE) and continuing students to close the achievement gap (e.g., the DEGREES Project)
- Established interventions to work with Super Senior students to promote graduation
- Enlisted the support of department chairs to provide personalized advising to target cohort groups as a part of the Initiative
- Gathered public momentum around bringing visible recognition to students for their success through a GI Honor Roll
- Piloted e-advising mechanisms in three academic departments
- Established a GI website, video, and other forms of communication to articulate the global importance of graduation
- Implemented a new Graduation Channel to provide customized messaging to students about the steps to Graduation