

## Best Practices Aimed at Facilitating Time to Degree



### *Recommendation 3*

#### *Emphasis on graduation in orientation for new students*

- All first time freshmen are required to attend a mandatory orientation. Campus also offers an optional family orientation program and transfer student orientation program.
- Freshmen and transfer orientations are organized by majors or colleges and include a GE and major advisement component.
- Students who attend orientation are shown how to access and interpret their degree audits. Degree audits are available to students 24-7 via their student portal.
- Created a prospective student portal to better meet the information needs of prospective students [ [www.calstatefullerton.com](http://www.calstatefullerton.com) ]
- Registration and payment for new orientation is now handled using a web-based system, which integrates important functions in Admissions, Records, Testing, Financial Aid, and Cashiers.

### *Recommendation 4*

#### *Strengthening support for both GE and life/career clarification for lower division students*

- Current registration system (SIS+) is hardwired to automatically enforce the completion of appropriate math and English courses, based on placement test scores, and we guarantee a space in these courses. EO 665 compliance and completion of baccalaureate-level math and English courses are strictly enforced.
- Every January the Academic Advisement Center sends a letter to all incoming freshmen who are on probation after their first fall semester alerting them that they need to attend a probation advising workshop. Review grading, probation, and disqualification policies and make specific individual recommendations on how to change their spring schedule to maximize their chances of success.
- We have created several structured learning community for incoming students to address the needs of targeted audiences/majors:
  - Compass: Finding a Major and Career Path - for undeclared students
  - Fullerton Future Teachers – for students in integrated teacher prep program
  - University Honors Program – for students in Honors and President’s Scholars program
  - Freshman Success Program – for EOP students taking remedial coursework in summer
  - Piloting a new learning community designed for science majors.