Summary Report  
Fall 2012 Part-Time Student Survey  
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Background:
- Studied part-time students using email surveys to understand who they are, why they withdraw from classes, biggest barriers they face, etc.
- Completed a December 2012 survey with responses from 500+ part time students. The results were presented at convocation.

Findings:
- Females were over-represented in the respondents: the ratio of females to males in the respondents was 70-30 versus the campus profile of 60-4).
- Respondents are slightly older than the average student. Most were in the 26-34 age group, which is slightly higher than the current average age of 24.
- Respondents identified themselves as degree seeking students.
- Respondents’ most common major was a field within Business, Legal, and Technology
- Respondents enroll in 4-8 credits a semester and drop fewer courses than the campus average
- Part time students responded that they do not enroll full time because:
  - They work more than 20 hours a week
  - Did not have enough free financial aid available to them
  - Did not have enough online classes offered.
- Part time students indicated they would like:
  - More evening and online classes
  - Help with financial aid or other means of financial support (if they don’t qualify for federal aid due to their income level)

Next Steps:
We were planning on applying for funds through the Part Time Student Innovations Committee to conduct focus groups to gather more in depth qualitative information in the fall 2013.

We are also exploring how institutional financial aid can be better leveraged to incentivize part time students to enroll in more classes.