

# Data-Driven Integrated Planning: Methodologies in Action

# **Agenda**

- Introductions
- Integrated Planning and its role in higher education today
- Designing an Integrated Planning process
  - Challenges to creating efficiency
- Role of technology in Integrated Planning
- Next Steps
- Q & A



# **Today's Panelists**

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# **UMGC Enrollment**



More than **95** percent of enrollments are either online or in a hybrid format.

Fiscal Year 2020



90,661 students enrolled



13,845
degrees and certificates awarded



332,069 course enrollments



### **UMGC Locations**



# 175+ worldwide classroom and service locations

including on military bases in more than 20 countries and territories



### **Student Profile**

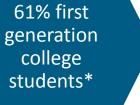


28% African American (FY 2020)

Average age 32 (FY 2020)

53% people of color (FY 2020)

90% employed (77% work 40 or more hours/week)\*





79% of undergraduates transfer 30 or more credits to UMGC\*





# **USM Background**

- Founded in 1910, The University of Southern Mississippi is a public, comprehensive research university (R1) located near the Gulf of Mexico, about 100 miles east of New Orleans.
- Our fall 2021, enrollment includes 10,638 undergraduate students and 3,442 graduate students, both online and face-to-face.
- We pride ourselves on balancing an exceptional, internationally known research profile with an emphasis on student-centered pedagogy and support, leveraging our unique context to accelerate the success of our diverse student body.
- We are one of eight public institutions of higher learning in a small state and, like many universities, face increasing budgetary challenges and a competitive environment for student recruitment.



# Integrated Planning and its role in higher education today

"Higher education institution's effort to organize evaluation, assessment, and improvement initiatives so the institution can determine how well it is fulfilling its mission and achieving its goals."

#### **IE Planning Can Cover:**

- 1. Institutional research
- Program review (academic and/or administrative)
- 3. Student learning outcome assessment
- 4. Accreditation
- 5. Plan measurement and decision support



### Integrated Planning and its role in higher education today



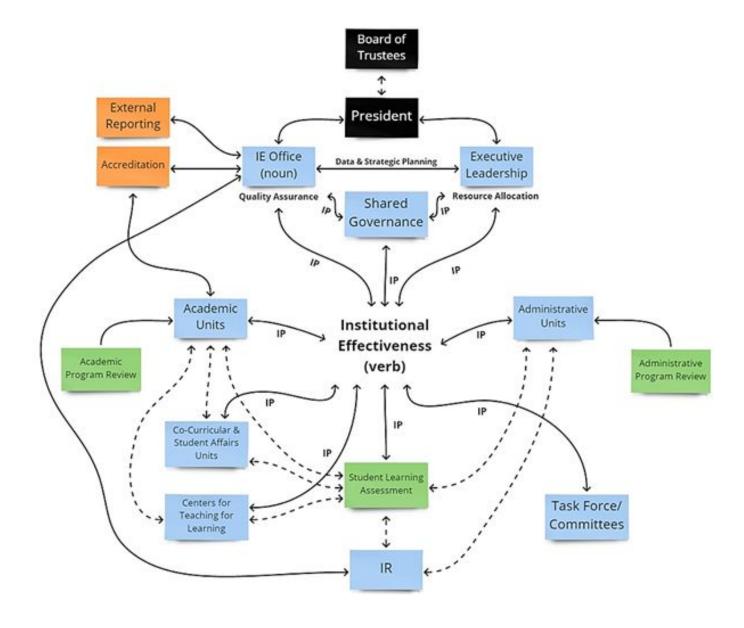


#### IE as a:

- "noun" is part of the institutional infrastructure.
- "verb" is the act of demonstrating IE.

IE's relationship to integrated planning reflects IE's purpose as both a noun and a verb.

**Integrated Institutional Effectiveness** 





# Internal and External Pressures Impacting Institutional Effectiveness

#### **Institutional Effectiveness Evolution Drivers**

#### **Accreditation Bodies Under Scrutiny Institutional Requirements Expanding** - Greater focus on financial sustainability - Increased focus on continuous improvement - Expanded focus on student learning outcomes - Greater need for institutional data **Accreditation Cost Containment Student Expectations** - Increased Operating Costs - ROI of Degree Student **Financial** - Staffing Constraints - Skills Articulation **Expectations Pressures** - COVID-19 Impact

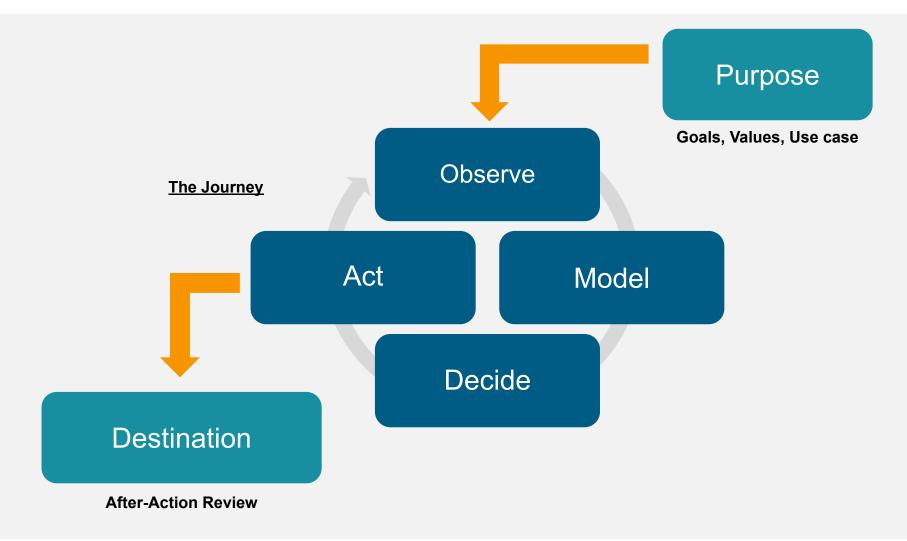


# **University of Maryland Global Campus**

What was the integrated planning process like before you came to UMGC? And what changes to operational efficiency, and student learning have been impacted by your process?



# **Integrated Planning = Agile Wayfinding**



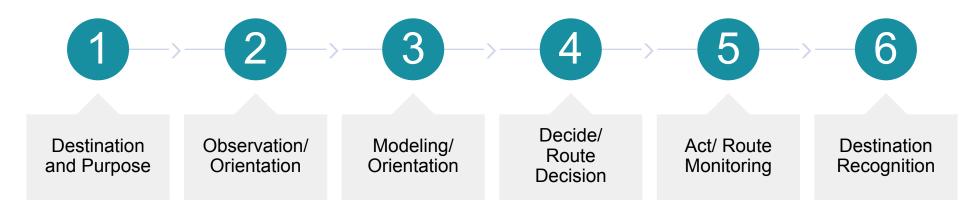




# **Integrated Planning = Agile Wayfinding**

# A planning process born from a university teach-out and repeated viewings of Moana.

"It's called wayfinding, princess. It's not just sails and knots, it's seeing where you're going in your mind. Knowing where you are by knowing where you've been."



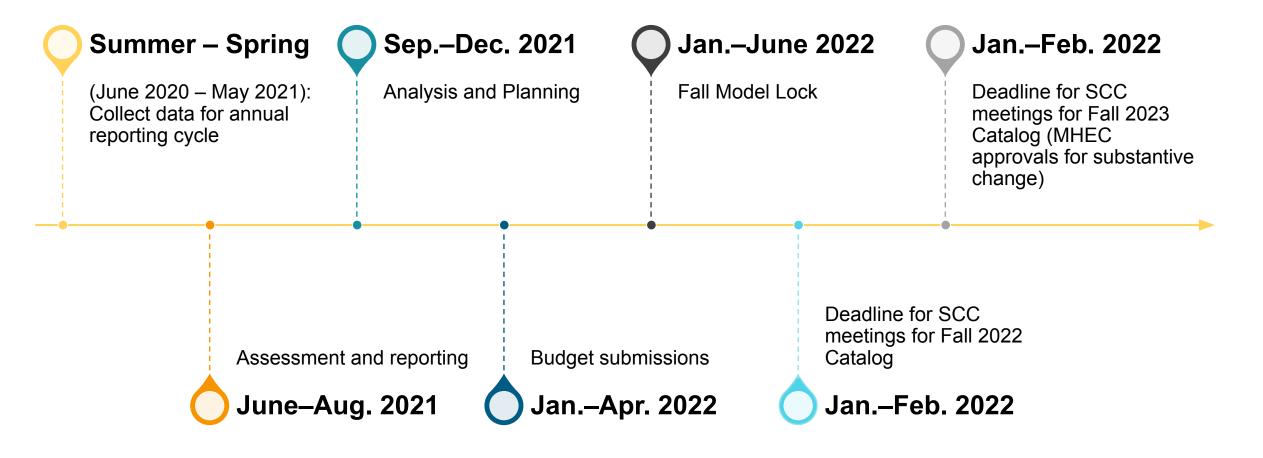
Steps can be aligned to meetings.

Meeting cadence controls speed of change.





# **Act: Integrated Planning Calendar**





# **University of Southern Mississippi**

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## **Cultivating Data-Grounded Leadership, 2018-2020**

- Restructuring Institutional Research
  - Greater service-orientation and visibility on campus
  - Increased emphasis on analytics and data sharing
- Creating expectations and accountability for leadership
  - Peer data averages
  - Dashboard monitoring
- Centering data in proposal processes



# How is University of Southern Mississippi using data to assess, manage and lead new structures?

#### PHASE I.

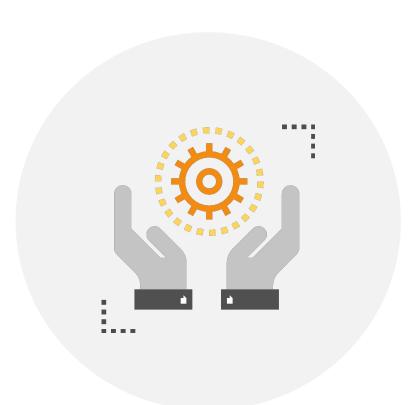
- Introducing Key Performance Indicators
  - Majors/Headcount/FTE
  - SCHs in and out of program courses
  - Degrees awarded
  - Retention/graduation metrics
  - Funding allocation by program
  - Discount rates
- Establishing a norm of transparency
- Requiring data-grounded proposals and resource requests



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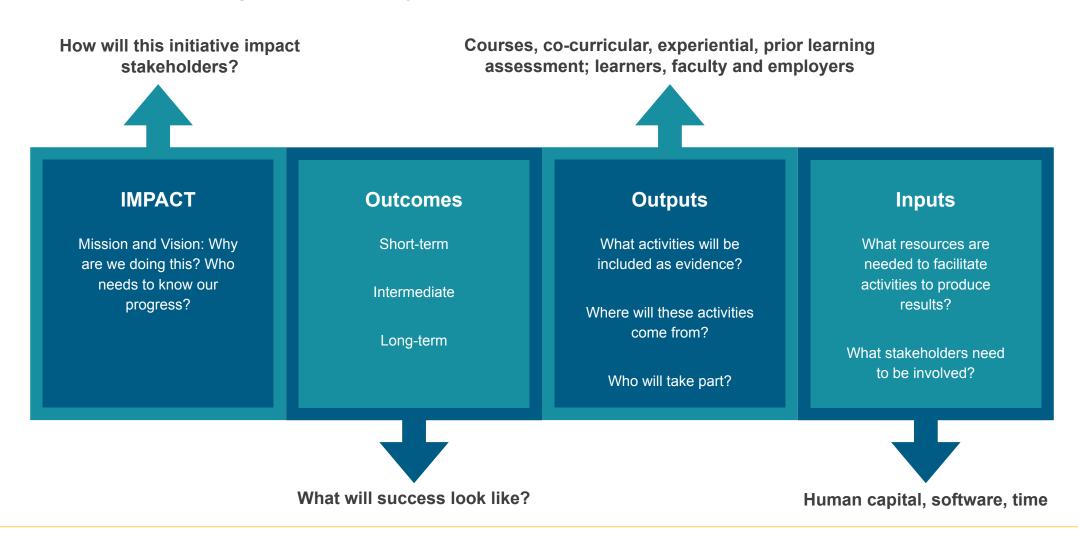
#### PHASE II.

- Creating expectations and accountability for leadership
  - Peer data averages
  - Dashboard monitoring
  - Data-informed conversations and decision-making (e.g., budget hearings)
- Restructuring Institutional Research
  - Greater service-orientation and visibility on campus
  - Increased emphasis on analytics and data sharing
- Ex. Introducing analytics on class scheduling, demand, and accessibility



# **Integrated Planning and Assessment Logic Model**

Based on Assessment Logic Model (Finley, 2019)





### **Question 1**

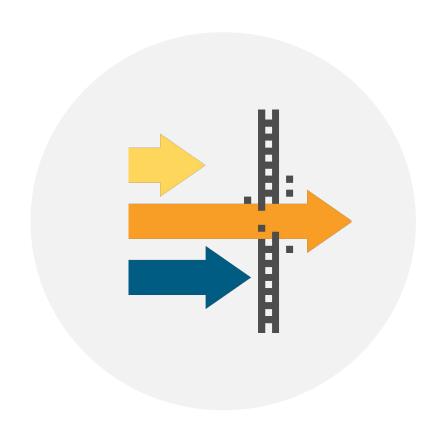
# To what extent is your current planning process actionable?

- A. Process offers complete visibility into learning and operational efficiency
- B. Process offers some visibility into learning and operational efficiency
- C. Process is disjointed and does not provide access to meaningful data for all stakeholders
- D. Integrated planning? We don't do that.

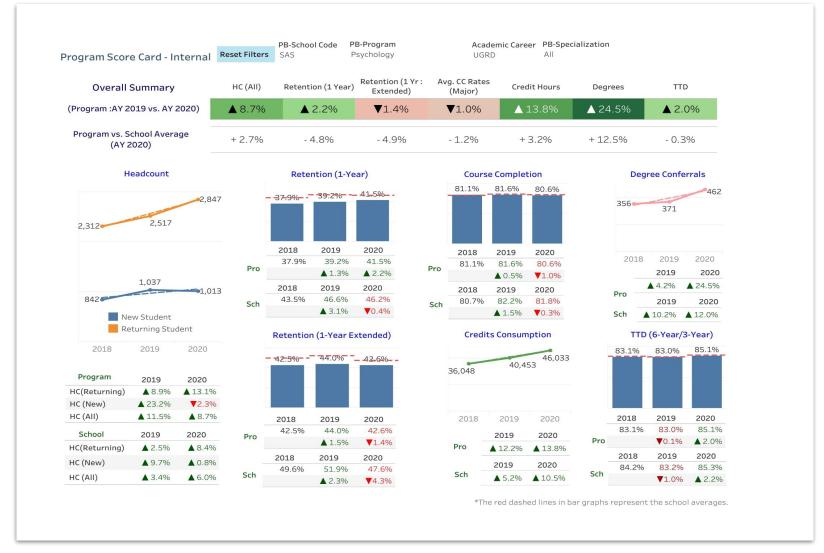


# **Challenges to Enabling Efficiency**

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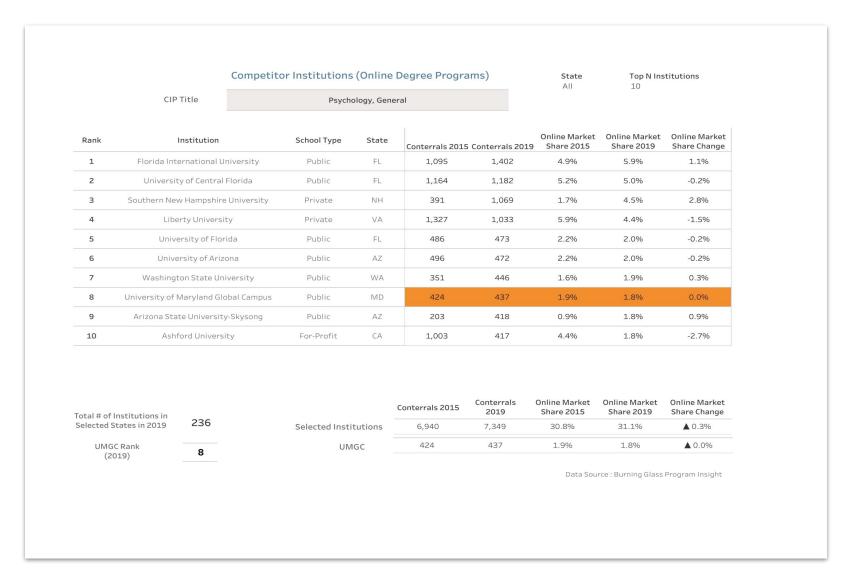


## **UMGC Program Scorecard-Internal**



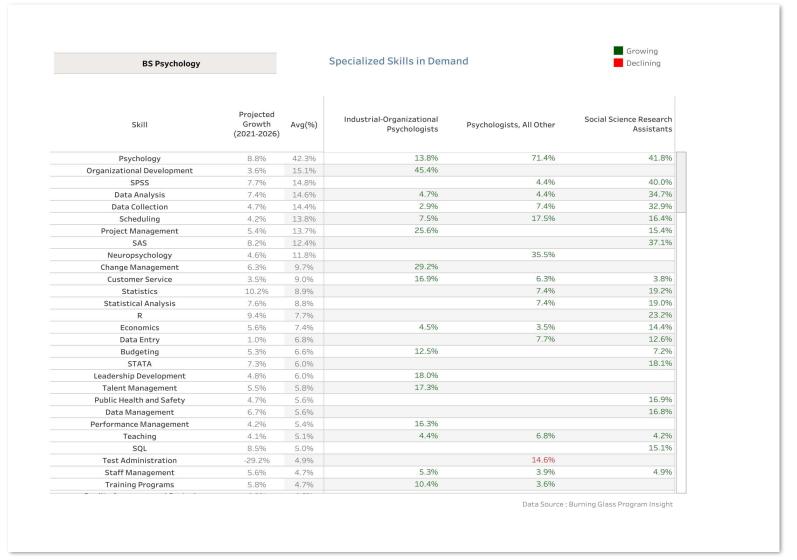


# **UMGC Program Scorecard- External**



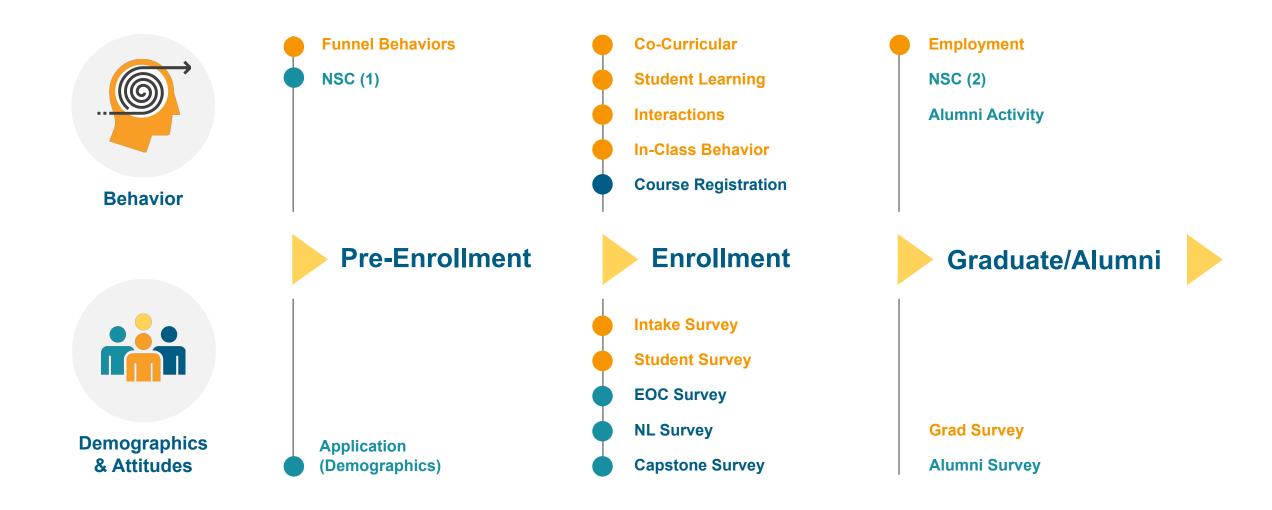


### Job Demands—Skills linked to workforce



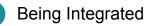


### Where are we headed with our data model?







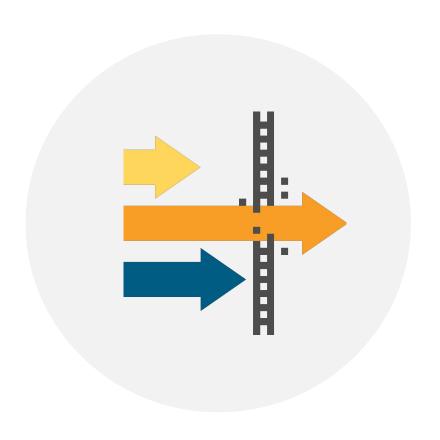




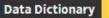


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#### INSTRUCTIONS



Note: Reports to which you have access will appear with blue text hyperlinked to the report. Reports in black text are those to which you do not have access.

#### Student Dashboard Links



Academic Advisors



Admissions



Completions



Course Analytics



Course Success



**Enrollment Trends** 



Financial Aid



**Graduate Assistants** 



**IPEDS** 



Program Review



Retention and Graduation



**USM Data Facts** 

#### **Finance Dashboard Links**



Aging



**Budget Vs Actuals** 



**Budget Forecast** 



Institutional Aid Analysis



Finance Reports



Net Tuition Revenue

#### **Program Costing Links**



**Budget Rubric** 



Reassignment Investment



Instructional Capacity



KPI's



Presidential Summary

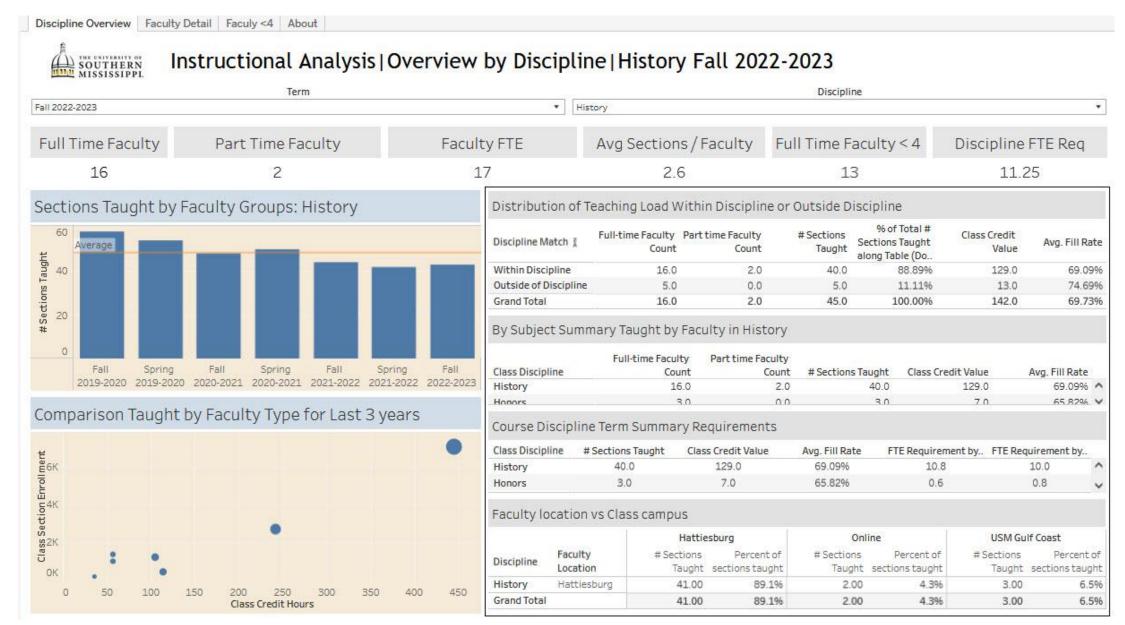


**Program Costing** 

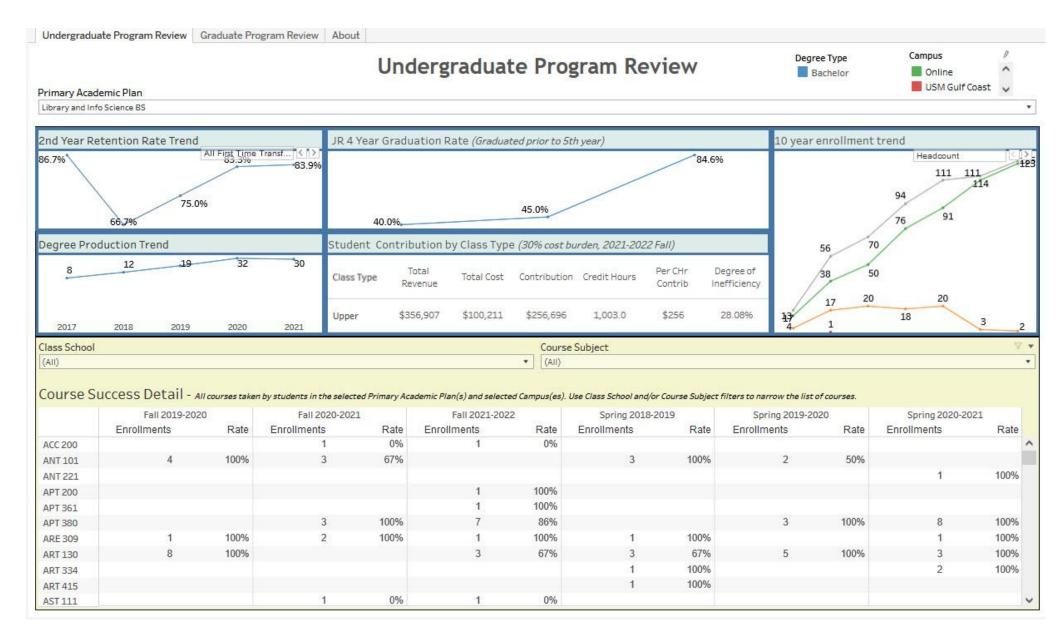


Resource Allocation

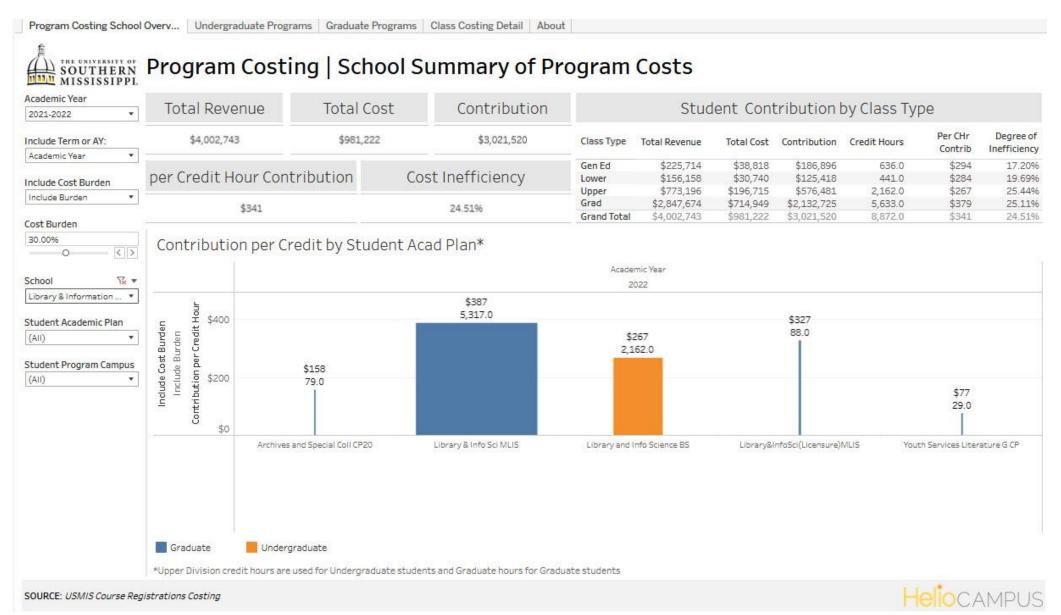














# **Question 2: Reflection and Next Steps**

# What could you immediately do to change your Integrated Planning process?

- A. Survey your stakeholders to see what data they need to effectively support planning
- B. Identify the stakeholders who need to be involved
- C. Identify technology that can streamline the process
- D. Align your institutional outcomes with the goals of your strategic plan



# Role of Technology in Integrated Planning Efficiency

- Best practices literature from the field includes:
  - Technology implementation models
  - Pedagogical processes
  - Experience in practice
- What technology is currently available on campus and what will need to be considered to compliment your processes?



# **Fall Reading!** Institutional Effectiveness 2.0 Guide Book: A New Path Forward for Higher Education





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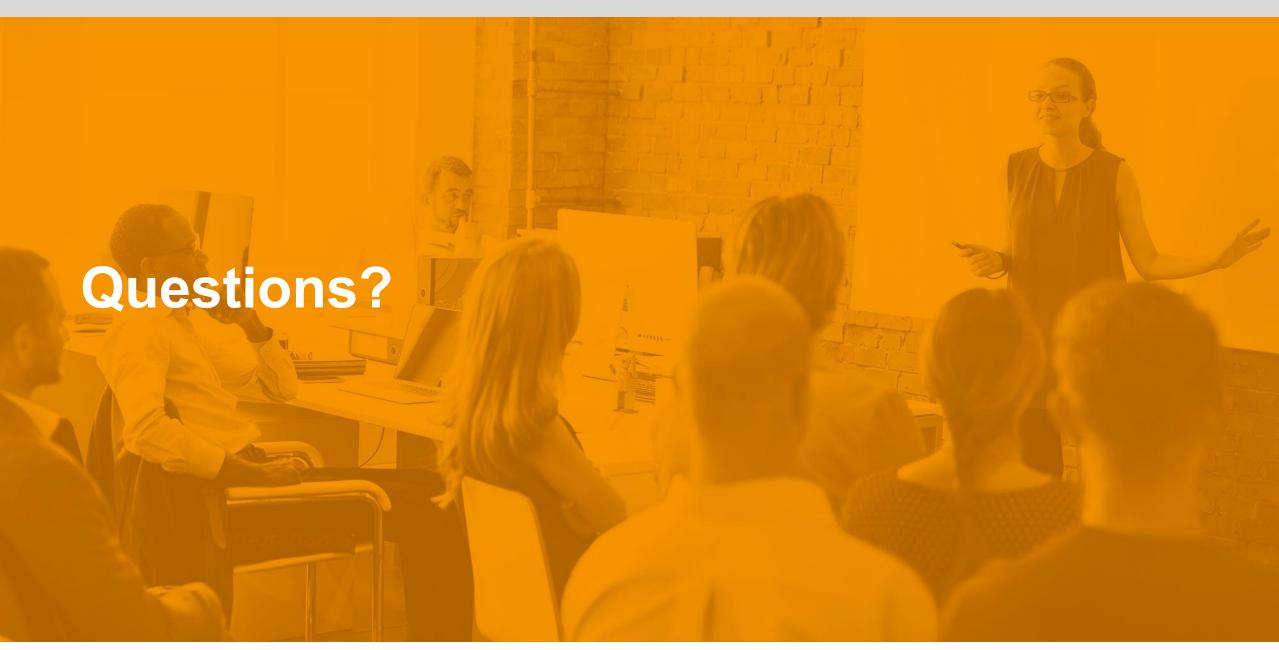
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