

# New Mexico Tech will Substantially Improve Student Quality of Life

Objectives	Metrics	Status	Recommendations
<p>A. Enhance student commitment to the Institute to heighten academic success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appoint 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience Task Force</li> <li>• Advising Center</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Success Course</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extracurricular activities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restructured Orientation Experience</li> </ul> <p>Grading 1<sup>st</sup> semester courses on pass/fail basis</p>	<p>Plan to faculty and administration in Spring 1999</p> <p>Not defined</p> <p>Not Defined</p> <p>Not defined</p> <p>Not defined</p> <p>Not defined</p> <p>Not defined</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Done</b></p> <p><b>Done (Presented to Regents April 2000)</b></p> <p><b>Tech Advising Center established July 1, 2000 (President allocated approximately 50K to supplement resources from Student Services to form Center.)</b></p> <p><b>Suspended Success Course for Fall 2000 pending 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience planning effort.</b></p> <p><b>Pending 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience planning</b></p> <p><b>Done - Transferred Orientation responsibilities to Admission Office.</b></p> <p><b>Done - Task force recommended <u>NO</u> to Pass/Fail policy.</b></p>	<p>Support 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience initiatives to implement Task Force recommendations. Programming will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Counseling</li> <li>• Faculty Advisor Training</li> <li>• Tutoring, Early Intervention</li> <li>• Peer Mentoring</li> <li>• Academic Skills Resource Center</li> </ul> <p>Implement comprehensive success course for all freshmen.</p> <p>Implement 1<sup>st</sup> year Experience Plan</p> <p>Merge Fall Pre-Semester Orientation into Fall Semester 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience Program.</p>

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<p><b><u>Transfer Students</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designate faculty member in each department</li> <li>Restructure Orientation for transfer students</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Continuing Students</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move advising to departments</li> <li>Provide lounge for commuting students</li> <li>Graduate students</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Graduating Students</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore Placement Center in Albuquerque</li> </ul>	<p>Fall 1999</p> <p>Not defined</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>Not defined</p> <p>(See Enrollment goal, Item C)</p> <p>Not defined</p>	<p><b>Faculty of each department has been designated. Advising Center will implement</b></p> <p><b>Straight talk for transfer students beginning August 2000</b></p> <p><b>Implement according to evolution of Advising Center.</b></p> <p><b>Implement in new Student Union Building.</b></p>	<p>Make advising a top priority in each academic department.</p>
<p>B. Improve physical environment for students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve study facilities</li> </ul>	<p>Begin improvements as soon as they are supported by student enrollment increases.</p> <p>Fall 1999</p>	<p><b>Planning Stage</b></p> <p><b>New apartment-type student residence-Fall 2000</b></p> <p><b>24 hour access to TCC. Cost for 24-hour access is estimated at \$32,000 annually.</b></p> <p><b>Extended library hours</b></p> <p><b>Library hours have increased by 12 hours per week</b></p>	<p>Implement Tech Master Plan</p> <p>Monitor student needs. SA Library Committee – customer satisfaction surveys.</p>

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	Extended Library and TOC hours by Fall 1999	<p><b>Added library resources:</b> INSPEC Data Base, Health References Data Base; PROQUEST Data Base; For 200-2001, library will reallocate \$12,000 to increase faculty book budget.</p> <p><b>Additional common space for students in departments:</b> Writing Center to Humanities Department, Library, Weir Hall, Physics Department.</p> <p><b>Extended library hours</b> Library hours have increased by 12 hours per week.</p>	Convert the SAC Coffee Shop into a late night computer/study lounge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build new student facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Union Building</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Not defined	<p><b>Drawing stage set for Sept. 2000; first stage of construction to begin June 2001 and end Feb. 2002.</b></p> <p><b>Second phase of construction to begin April 2002 and end Nov. 2002.</b></p>	Stay on schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletic Facility/Recreation Center</li> </ul>	Not defined	<p><b>Programming and discussion set for Jan. 2003 Drawing stage set for Sept. 2003; construction to begin Dec. 2003; completion date set for Dec. 2004.</b></p>	Re-assess options for new recreational facility vs. new Wellness/Swim Center Complex.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apartment-type residence halls</li> </ul>	Not defined	<p><b>Construction to be completed by August 2000.</b></p>	Implement preventive maintenance program – Fall 2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent enclosure for the swimming pool</li> </ul>	Not defined	<p><b>Included as part of the Athletic Facility/Recreation Center options.</b></p>	Review of options

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wellness Center</li> </ul>	Not defined	Discussion stage	<p>Design and construct a Tech Wellness Center. A wellness center promotes good health and fitness practices. According to the American Journal of Health Promotion, health and fitness promotion is the science and art of helping people change their lifestyles to move toward a balance of physical, mental, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual health. In the absence of major sport and athletic programs, the New Mexico Tech community is in need of supportive physical fitness and health promotion program. Additionally, information and workshops such as importance of exercise, proper dieting, how to control high blood pressure, relieving stress, and many more related topics will be offered through the Wellness Center.</p>

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C. Increase extracurricular opportunities	Fall 1999	<b>On-going. Started a Tech Student Golf Team and men/women soccer teams.</b>	Provide resources to maintain a viable Tech Student Golf Team and soccer teams.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase involvement between students and faculty/staff</li> </ul>	Not defined	<b>A faculty committee will be formed to establish an advising policy for the New Tech Advising Center.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build on success of Student Produced Leisure Activities at Tech (SPLAT)</li> </ul>	Not defined	<b>1999-2000 year: Successful SPLAT activities greatly increased student involvement in planning and conducting extracurricular activities.</b>	Establish SPLAT line item in Student Affairs budget. \$33,357 was contributed by the President, Vice President for Institutional Development, Student Association and Auxiliary Services for 1999-2000 activities.

## New Initiatives:

- Establish on-line bookstore retail shopping internet sites
- Establish a late-night computer/study lounge in SAC
- Review and implement dining room food service and service improvements
- Three-year update of Macey Center's dimmer system
- Install central fire alarm system in South, Baca, and Graduate residence halls
- Remodel ten student family housing units
- Host student golf invitational in Fall 2000
- Refurbish Children's Center facility