Innovations in Delivery of Courses and Programs

Presentation to Board of Trustees

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Goal: Increase Online/Hybrid/Distance Learning Courses

• Set-aside $200,000 over 2 years for development of online courses

• Appointed BCAS Director of Online Learning

• 1 new assistant professor hired and 4 searches targeted at faculty who can help to increase the number of online courses
Progress of Online Course Offerings

• **45** online offerings offered this year in BCAS, in **10** different departments

• **8** new courses this year (+ **4** new coming this summer)

• **5** additional departments are developing new online courses
Progress of Hybrid Course Offerings

• 6 New hybrid courses offered this year:
  – Biology
  – Communication
  – Sociology
BCAS Evening/Weekend Offerings

• Approximately 40 weekend offerings each AY

• Approximately 400 evening offerings each AY
# Evening and Weekend Degrees

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Goal: Develop New Tracks/Options/Certificate to Meet Today’s/Future Job Market Demands

- “Management” track in Computer Science BS
- Biostatistics option in the Statistics MS
- 5 year BS/MS in Applied Mathematics/MBA
- Certificate program in Spanish for the Health Professions
- 4 year BA (in French at UA)/ MA (in Teaching French at Le Mans University, France; MA is online)
- Cohort of 3 year pre-professional BS degree
Integrator-Assessor Model: One Approach

• KEY: Assessing Prior Learning

• Up to 10 day ‘refresher’ courses for Introductory level courses
  – Mathematics, Psychology, Statistics, Sociology

• Taught by experienced graduate assistants

• Need to pass the final and meet any other appropriate requirements to earn credit

• No grade is given

• $100 fee