

## ***Academic Plan - Excellence in Teaching and Learning***

### ***Senior Year Experience - 2008 Update***

The Senior Year Experience action team strongly recommended that the campus prepare an “exit strategy” for seniors that is as comprehensive in scope as the current gateway initiatives for beginning students. In Fall 2007, a subgroup of the Council on Retention and Graduation was appointed as a “Seniors Task Force” to examine whether there might be school- or campus-based initiatives to hasten the rate at which students move to graduation. A Senior Survey was drafted by the task force in order to facilitate better understanding of the barriers to graduation among seniors from across a variety of IUPUI schools. In Spring 2008, the survey was presented to small focus groups comprised of capstone students. Based on the feedback received, the survey was revised and moved to Oncourse for planned dissemination through capstone courses in Fall 2009. In Summer 2008, Deans were sent reports that identified students who had completed more than 100 credit hours in their schools, and were asked to reflect on whether there might be strategies that could be shared across campus in helping students move to graduation (e.g., Might there be financial incentives for helping students almost at the point of graduation to be able to graduate? Are there bottleneck courses getting in the way of the students graduating that could be targeted for intervention?). Responses from Deans have been very informative and together with the forthcoming results from the Senior Survey, should help to support school-based initiatives aimed at shortening the time-to-graduation for IUPUI students.