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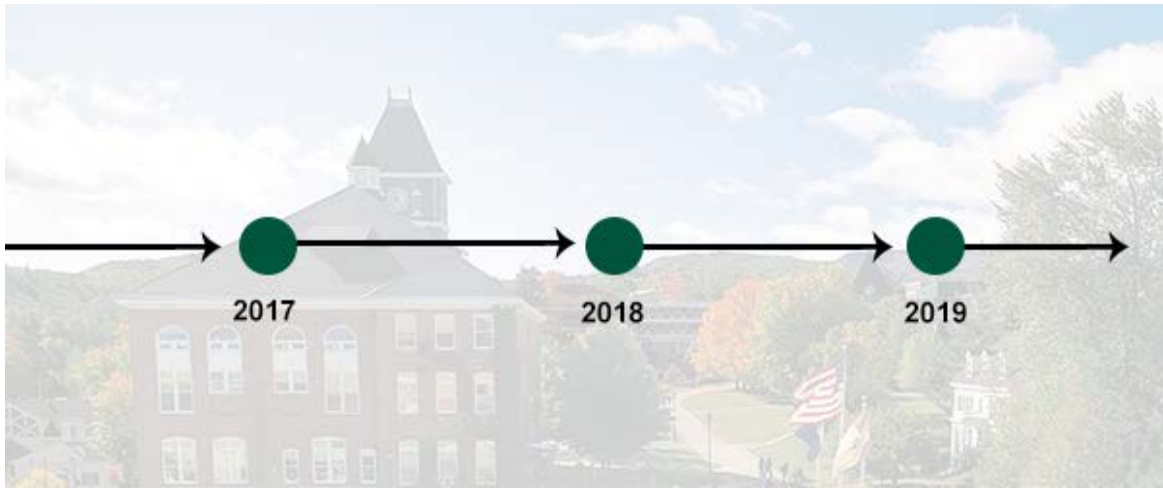Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.plymouth.edu/plymouthclusters

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TRANSFORMATION TIMELINE AVAILABLE

To aid in our planning and progress, and in response to requests from various stakeholders, we've developed and published a transitional timeline on the integrated clusters website. Using data from Campus Forums, Guides, Chairs, Finance, Student Affairs, and other campus constituencies, the timeline reflects our best thinking of what needs to be achieved, and in what order, to realize our vision statement. We will be further developing the timeline, adding detail to the next few years and scoping out three additional years, to paint a fuller picture of our transformation. We'll continue to update as things come into clearer focus. The most up-to-date timeline will live on the following page, where you may also send questions or comments. Click here to review the full timeline.

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING CAMPUS FORUMS

March 15 – Campus Forum: Organizing to Support Integrated Clusters
Join us in Heritage Commons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. for the next Campus Forum about organizing to support integrated clusters. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. This forum will tie together insights from former sessions on structure, student outcomes, and leadership activity in addition to the transformation timeline.

- Tuesday, April 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

[Review Past Forums](#)

PROJECT PROFILE: THE FACE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

As part of PSU's Justice & Security integrated cluster, Dr. Stephanie Halter organized a training for ~100 students and community members addressing the problem of human trafficking. There is an international, national, and state-wide interest to end human trafficking. The project is aimed at providing an opportunity to highlight this problem in the world, but especially in New Hampshire, and to educate law enforcement and the PSU community about the nature and scope of this problem in NH with the purpose of building momentum for an ongoing open lab collaborative, called Live Free. The group will work to address human trafficking issues locally and globally. [Continuing reading about the project here.](#)

CAMPUS FORUM: FEBRUARY 24 SUMMARY

Over 65 faculty and staff joined us at the campus forum on Friday, February 24th. The Cluster Guides facilitated an energizing session on the "why" of integrated clusters and active-learning. Using a structured brainstorming technique, Guides helped participants explore desired student outcomes that clusters and open labs can facilitate. The full PDF summary and outcomes document for this forum and previous forums can be found here.

FACULTY & STAFF MENTOR PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Are you interested in becoming a mentor to our first-year students? Please consider nominating yourself or someone else who would be a great mentor. **Complete this Survey to make nominations.**

The mentoring project is intended to assist first-year students in acclimating to PSU while establishing a non-academic connection. The mentor will not replace the role of Success Coaches, but rather build another touch-point with a community member. Mentors will connect with their mentees prior to Panther Days, host a table with all of their mentees during the New Student Banquet, and host informal meetings from that point on. This year the program begins with 20-25 mentors and 100 students. More details will follow for those who volunteer or are nominated. There is no obligation at this point, as we are looking for level of interest in the program.

Questions can be directed to Marylena Sevigney, mcsevigney@plymouth.edu.

CLUSTER PROJECT FUNDING

Project funding continues into next year as an investment to get projects started. If you are submitting a project for the fall, you can submit it now; the next two project proposal submittal deadlines are March 15th and April 14th with additional review dates this summer. Ross Humer is a resource for the proposal process and Stephanie Oleson can answer questions related to budgets. Click here for project proposal and completion forms. We have begun showcasing projects, please remember to submit a project completion report so that your project can be featured on the integrated cluster website and in other channels. Please contact Corey Hoyt if you need assistance with the project completion report.

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