

# Making Data-Informed Faculty Line Decisions

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### Today's Presentation



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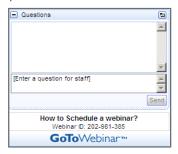
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### APS Boot Camp for Deans



## **Webconference Training Series**

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#### **Reducing Section Variation in Course Completion** | February 27

Prioritize initiatives to increase course completion.



#### Matching Section Offerings to Demand | March 6

Evaluate opportunities to shift resources from underfilled sections to reduce bottlenecks.



#### Monitoring Faculty Course Loads | March 13

Assess supply and demand of courses to inform faculty course load decisions.



#### **Examining Distinct Course Proliferation** | March 20

Analyze whether or not course offerings are keeping pace with student demand.



#### Making Data-Informed Faculty Line Decisions | March 27

Find critical metrics that can be used when evaluating faculty line requests.





### Support Development of the Collaborative

Improve Your Proficiency in the APS Platform

Attend Sessions	Give Feedback	Earn a Certificate
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Attend a majority of the series	Share how you're leveraging APS	Get recognized for your effort!
Register for and join at least four sessions live	Let us know what you found helpful and anything you'd like to see in the future. Provide examples of how you're using the APS Platform.	Share knowledge with colleagues and join future updates on new features

### Our Agenda for Today



Introduction

APS Metrics to Support Faculty Line Decisions

**2** Platform

Demonstration

3 Conclusion

Questions and Resources

### How Metrics Help Tell a Story





#### **Establish Need**

- Demonstrate how demand for student credit hours (SCH) is changing and why an additional faculty line will impact student progress
- Sample metrics: Total attempted SCH, 3 year change in attempted SCH, percent of attempted SCH taught to own majors



#### **Showcase Current Resource Allocation**

- Include information on current fill rates and class sizes to indicate that there are few opportunities to reallocate current resources through collapsing sections or increasing class sizes
- Sample metrics: Median section fill rate, percentage of sections with less than 10 students, number of collapsible sections



#### **Highlight Impact**

- Illustrate the impact of an additional faculty line on department productivity and student progress by showing a reduction in faculty overload and increased opportunities for students to enroll in bottleneck courses
- Sample metrics: Projected SCH per full time faculty member, number of courses that the new faculty member will teach that are bottlenecks

### Tackling Faculty Line Decisions with APS



Master's university | ~3K students

#### Standard Data and New Analyses Streamline Hiring Decisions

#### **Traditional Process**

- Program growth the primary factor considered in determining faculty needs
- Programs use different data points to make a case for resources
- Difficult conversations made even more difficult by lack of data

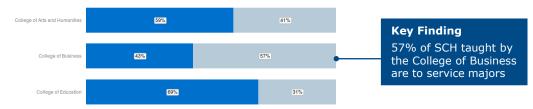
#### **Updated Process with APS**

- APS Intercurricular Dependency analysis demonstrates growth in SCH due to both own majors, as well as service majors
- Provost uses standard data that all deans have access to
- Improved culture with transparency into top-down decisions



#### **Spotlight on Intercurricular Dependencies in APS**

#### Attempted SCH by College – Taught to Own Majors vs Service Majors¹





### Integrating Data into Resource Requests

# How One Institution is Leveraging APS to Improve the Budget Development Process

### Doctoral research university | ~24K students

#### Challenge

In response to state-wide initiatives and budget cuts, administration needed to improve efficiency and critically evaluate new requests.

#### Solution

Deans and department chairs participated in APS training prior to budget meetings. Deans worked with chairs to embed more data into requests prior to submitting final budget priorities.

#### Outcomes from Inclusion of APS Data in Budget Development Process



#### **Increased Transparency**

- More awareness about needs across the college among department chairs, including which programs were understaffed or experiencing fast growth
- Increased communication from administration to deans throughout budgeting process, including which data were used to inform decisions



#### **Generated New Insights**

- Identified immediate opportunities for changes, such as correlation between high DFW rates and adjunct faculty in one department
- Scheduled follow-up meetings twice a semester to discuss new findings

### Using APS Metrics to Support Faculty Line Decisions

#### **DEPARTMENT METRICS**

#### **FACULTY METRICS**

#### **COURSE METRICS**

### Pinpoint department size and growth.

- 3 Year Growth in Attempted SCH: Mean annual growth rate of attempted credit hours
- Comparison of Demand vs. Capacity: Annual percentage change in attempted SCH compared to median section fill rates
- Intercurricular Dependencies: Percent of attempted SCH taught to own and service majors

# Identify faculty count and productivity.

- Teaching Faculty Mix by Instructor Type: Headcount of distinct faculty
- Distribution of Courseload by Instructor Type: Total number of sections taught per instructor

# Analyze class sizes, fill rates, and trends.

- Impact of Course
   Bottlenecks on Course
   Completion: For courses
   with fill rates 90% or
   greater maximum
   capacity, enrollment, fill
   rates, and completion rates
- Trends in Section
   Consolidation Opportunity:
   Number of collapsible and
   necessary sections over
   years

#### **Quantify Need and Potential Impact of a New Faculty Line**

To support a request, download and complete the template using metrics from your APS Platform.









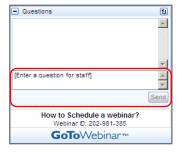
Live Demonstration

### Questions



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#### Resources

Metrics to Support Faculty Line Requests Platform Guide and Template:

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AAF Instructional Capacity Playbook:

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