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Status of Retention and Graduation Initiative

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Purpose of the Task Force

- “It is the purpose of the Task Force on Undergraduate Retention and Graduation to complete an analysis of undergraduate retention and graduation and to recommend tactics for implementation that will yield improvements on both areas.” *President Altenkirch Charge to the Committee, February 3, 2011*

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Recommendation 1

- Students must have access to timely and successful completion of an NJIT degree.

Recommendation 2

- For both calculus-based and non-calculus based courses, there should be no more than one 3-credit intervention for underprepared students.

Recommendation 3

- Students should be placed through valid test scores and previous educational experience by mid-April (when such information is available).

Recommendation 4

- NJIT should expand its model of student advising
 - More proactive advising and more active intervention
 - e. g. Reconsideration of major when appropriate

Next Steps

- Final report to President Altenkirch by May 15th
- Ongoing discussions about placement
- Ongoing discussions about interventions & advising

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