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1. DEMONSTRATABLE SUCCESSES

Introduction

The Ford Foundation Pathways grant was used to address the following broad objectives:

- To provide greater access to the University for previously disadvantaged students.
- To couple greater access with academic success through relevant intervention programmes. (EDP & SMP)

DEMONSTRATABLE SUCCESSES

- AAFP successfully redesigned to be EDP
- Improved recruitment, training and retention for mentors
- Improved training for SADPs
- Change in admission policy

2. MAJOR CHALLENGES

- The Merger process.
- Staffing

3. RESEARCH NEEDED

- Comparative study between the performance of mentees and first time entering students without the mentors.
- The impact of Mentorship Programme on the mentors.
- To evaluate existing SADSPs at UL.
- Tracking system not implemented (?)

4. NETWORKING

- Not much has been done and would like to recommend that we start sharing & communicating with the SA Pathways grantees, even if is in the form of communicating through Pathways established website.

5. IMPACT

- Had a positive impact.- support for the SMP from all faculties. Maximum support for the EDP from the two faculties.
- Change in admission policy

6. WAYFORWAD

- Much emphasis was on the SMP & EDP and would now like to consolidate our achievements and redirect our focus to research.
- Mentors are needed to mentor junior staff members in the Unit.
- Collaboration with other institutions regarding outreach programmes.

THANK YOU

