

## Aug 21, 2024 | 📅 USASIE Directors Council

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### Agenda:

1. Purpose of USASIE Directors Council
2. Strategic Organizational Alignment and Directors Council's Role
3. Strategic Prioritize from the Provost's Office
4. Announcements

### Takeaways:

#### Institutional Area (IA)

1. **First-Year Seminar Course:**
  - Consider the development of a first-year seminar course that focuses on essential college skills. The Institutional Area (IA) could be a suitable option for implementing this requirement for all students.

#### First-Year Experience (FYE)

1. **Retention Rates:**
  - Current retention rates stand at 60%, with a recent increase of 5%. However, the institution is experiencing a total loss of approximately 1,600 students after their first-year.
2. **High School Engagement:**
  - Introducing FYE courses within the high school environment could potentially increase student enrollment at Weber State University.

#### General Education (GE) Courses

1. **Course Complexity:**
  - Reduce the complexity of course options available to students. Simplifying choices can help students make decisions more efficiently and avoid confusion.
2. **Faculty Intentionality:**
  - Ensure that GE courses are taught by faculty who are intentional in their roles to enhance the quality and relevance of the educational experience.