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College or Division Name: Division of Student Services

Person Submitting Plan: bstar

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Date: August 03, 2006

Brief Introductory Narrative:

The Odyssey New Student Convocation serves as Troy University's official welcoming to new students, both freshmen and transfer students. The ceremony introduces new students to some of the customs, rites, and rituals associated with the University. It engages both students and parents with the purpose of establishing an essential foundation of a "beginning." The ceremony is enhanced by alumni testimony and introductions of the student creed, fight song, and alma mater. The highlight of the ceremony is the convocation speaker, who as an alumni of the University, conveys how Troy has been instrumental in their success.

August 2006: The 2006 Odyssey New Student Convocation was held August 20, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Trojan Arena. The Odyssey speaker was Stacey Mesler, Troy alumnae and tax attorney with the firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy of New York, NY.

The estimated attendace for the event was 1600. A parent reception, hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Hawkins, was held after the convocation in the Stadium Club. A post-convocation party for students was held in the Trojan Center.

Planning for the 2007 Odyssey Convocation will begin in January 2007.

11-27-06 BS

Preparation for Odyssey 2007 is underway. Jill Dobson has been targeted for the speaker.

2-8-07

Speaker and date confirmed for Odyssey. Jill Dobson has agreed to speak on August 12, 2007. BS

3-17-07

Odyssey plans were shared at the last First Year Advisory Task Force Meeting where date was approved for August 12, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Space reservations will be made by April 1. BS

5-10-07

Plans are still underway for the 2007 Odyssey, scheduled for August 12, 2007. Facilities are reserved and the speaker is confirmed. Participation notifications will go out in early July. BS

JULY 12, 2007, BS, 90%

Odyssey 2007 entering final stages of preparation.

JULY 23, 2007, BS, 90%

Objective should be continued for next year.

7-30-07, BS, 100%

All preparations for Odyssey New Student Convocation complete. Objective will be classified as operational for future planning.

8-30-07,BS, 100%

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9-30-07, BS, 100%

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10-30-07, BS, 100%

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11-30-07, BS, 100%

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12-16-07, BS, 100%

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