

Student Success and Retention Council
April 3, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jonathan Glenn, Stephanie McBrayer, Nancy Gallavan, Lindsey Osborne, Angela Jackson, Amber Hall, Leigh Ann Denhartog, Scott Nadler, Cheryl Lyons, Julia Winden Fey, Susan Sobel

Members absent: Charles Watson, Don Bradley, Adam Price

Guest: Thomas Bruick

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jonathan Glenn, Chair.

Glenn asked that members observe a moment of silence to remember our departed colleague and friend, Dr. Joanna Castner Post.

Glenn announced that Dr. Kurt Boniecki is serving as interim Core Director and would attend future SSRC meetings.

MAP-Works Report

Thomas Bruick distributed a handout on MAP-Works. He provided a brief overview of the program which identifies “at risk” first year students living on campus. It is a retention and student success tool being used by Housing & Residence Life. The accuracy of the “risk-indicator” has been evaluated by reviewing GPA and retention rates of students by identified risk level. Evaluation suggests the “risk-indicator” is accurate in identifying “at-risk” students. Bruick answered questions from council members including:

- The data used to evaluate the accuracy of the “risk-indicator” does not include remedial courses or withdrawals.
- The data used to evaluate the accuracy of the “risk-indicator” does not factor in attempted credit hours, just grades.
- The survey is now accessed as a single step through **myUCA**.
- The statistical foundations of MAP-Works. Bruick stated he would share a document addressing statistical and theoretical foundations with the Chair.

Bruick left the meeting at 3:25 pm

Enrollment Management Plan & Requested Data

Glenn distributed the EMP scorecard and retention report from Institutional Research. Discussion followed. Glenn emphasized the need to make the EMP more significant by creating a small number of principles for student success. These must be “big ideas” that we can take back to our constituents for campus-wide buy-in. Glenn suggested future brainstorming sessions to create the operational principles and action steps.

Existing Student Success & Retention Initiatives

Glenn indicated just three council members provided information on current retention efforts within their respective departments/divisions. He urged the remaining members to share that information so we could have a comprehensive list that included the entire campus.

Osborne and McBrayer wondered what should be included since everything in their divisions is oriented toward student success and retention.

Winden Fey suggested those efforts that can be assessed and measured.

Gallavan reminded the members that the retention numbers for UCA are not going down when a lot of other institutions are experiencing that trend. We should celebrate our success.

Other Business

Glenn proposed two SSRC meetings per month – one for learning and development and the other for business. The council agreed to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. Nadler will find a room more suitable for presentations. Glenn invited members to solicit topics and ideas for development and learning.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm