

Student Success and Retention Council
September 18, 2014
MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Jonathan Glenn (chair), Julia Winden Fey, Cheryl Lyons, Jacob Held, Amber Hall, Stephanie McBrayer, Don Bradley, Leigh Ann Denhartog, Chad Hearne, Susan Sobel.

Members absent: Scott Nadler, Ben Rowley, Ashley Ross, Angela Jackson, Nancy Gallavan

Guest: Kurt Boniecki, Associate Provost for Instructional Support

Handout: College Transition Collaborative (CTC) – *At a Glance*

Glenn called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2014 meeting. Hearne seconded the motion. Motion passed, 9 in favor, 0 opposed. Minutes will be posted to the website.

Boniecki provided a presentation on the College Transition Collaborative (CTC) project. The goal is “to promote college persistence and achievement, especially among students from disadvantaged backgrounds, using highly scalable mindset interventions; and to forge collaborative relationships among researchers and higher education leaders.” The project involves pre-matriculation online reading and writing activities that address students’ worries about belonging. The project is a four year research collaboration, costing \$35k per year.

Winden Fey asked how the “disadvantaged” students are identified.

Sobel commented that emotional intelligence is problematic. Students with high IQs can still question whether or not “they belong” in college.

Further discussion followed.

Glenn announced the Admissions Committee would NOT be joining the next SSRC meeting on October 2nd.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2014 at 3:00 pm in COB 311