

Student Success and Retention Council
May 19, 2016

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Steve Runge (chair) presided, and the following members were present: Julia Winden Fey, Jacob Held, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Thomas Bruick as proxy for Stephanie McBrayer, Kristen Heffington as proxy for Amber Hall, Courtney Mullen, Susan Sobel, and Cheryl Lyons.

Taine Duncan, Kevin Carter, Zach Carter, Angela Jackson, Colin Stanton, Amy Baldwin, Nancy Gallavan, Kaye McKinzie and Patricia Smith were absent.

Amber Hall joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

- 1) The SSRC minutes of April 21, 2016 were not considered as a quorum was not present. The April 21 minutes will be considered at the next meeting.
- 2) Leigh Ann DenHartog led a discussion on summer registration. An overview of ongoing registration preparation and significant dates was provided. Discussion topics included:
 - International registration
 - SOAR
 - Late registration
 - Admission/registration dates
 - Monday start (Faculty Senate plans to look at this possibility in the future)
- 3) S. Runge led a discussion regarding the black male student retention initiative. Several meetings have occurred with various groups (representing students, faculty, staff and alumni) over the last few months regarding this subject, and a large joint meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016 to continue this discussion. SSRC members are encouraged to attend. There is currently a 9.9% gap in the graduation rate between black male students and their white male counterparts. Progress in closing this gap will assist with the university's goal of progressing towards a 60% overall graduation rate by 2023. T. Bruick provided a handout of 2014-2015 Mapworks survey data. Discussion followed.
- 4) S. Runge led a discussion regarding the university's Enrollment Management Plan, and copies of the plan were provided. Consensus was that the plan should be separated out from the report and a 2016 plan and 2015-2016 report will be created (to include feedback across the various divisions). A sub-committee led by J. Winden Fey will begin working on this. The new version will be consistent with the university's strategic plan. The goal will be to have the plan and report ready by July 30, 2016 and to present them to the Faculty Senate in the fall semester.
- 5) Member Reports:

- C. Lyons stated that emails are being sent to students who accumulate 120 credit hours but are not graduating to notify them of their risk of running out of financial aid.
- S. Sobel stated that the counseling center is closing out a busy year, and she hopes that students are learning of ways to reduce stress.
- T. Bruick stated that international students are moving in next Wednesday and summer camps are also beginning across campus.
- A. Hall stated that Rebecca Stage, Research Associate in the Office of Institutional Research, started this week. Rebecca will be meeting with the Alumni Association tomorrow to begin looking at graduate outcomes and the different factors that affect retention. She will also attend AIR Forum 2016 at the end of the month.
- C. Mullen stated that staff have been going out and recruiting in both high schools and two-year schools and will be working in-house a lot next week to help with scheduling appointments. Also, admissions is looking to increase efficiency by decreasing the number of codes used in banner and restructuring the application process and webpage. Admissions will be reaching out earlier in the process to approximately 15,000 students, via postcard.
- J. Winden Fey stated that thirty students are registered currently across the six Summer Start programs. Promotion postcards will begin being delivered today and Academic Advising will be promoting Summer Start as well.
- J. Held stated that he is working on putting together a Powerpoint presentation on advising in the UCA Core and simplifying the advising check sheet. He will be working with the Director of Assessment to determine the best method for assessing FYS courses. He will also be asking to meet with the Academic Council in the fall to discuss with department chairs how best to implement the upper-division core and fix any related issues.
- S. Runge stated that the chair the ADHE Student Success Innovations Work Group/Committee has taken another position out of state. S. Runge will now be chairing this group/committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15