

**Student Success & Retention Council**  
**April 20, 2017**

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Provost Steve Runge (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Tami Phillips, Brandon Combs, Courtney Bryant, Amber Hall, John Fincher, Susan Sobel, Angela Webster, Patricia Smith, Amy Baldwin, Taine Duncan, and Nancy Gallavan.

- 1) No vote was taken on the SSRC minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting since we did not have quorum. These minutes will be considered at the next meeting of the SSRC in June.
- 2) S. Runge asked that the Council review the updated Student Success and Retention Plan document and send any comments to Julia Winden-Fey, Brandon Combs, and Alicia Crow by the end of the day, Thursday, April 27, 2017.
- 3) Provost's Announcements:
  - 46 completed Student Success Challenge Scholarship checksheets were submitted to Julia Winden-Fey.
  - The next SSRC meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
- 4) Member Reports:
  - P. Smith stated that as the Interim Dean of the Honors College, she would like to assemble a task force to find opportunities for the 400 students that were not accepted to the Schedler Honors College.
  - C. Bryant reported that Admissions sent out a letter to potential students' parents that highlighted the community aspect. This letter was followed by a postcard and a sticker. Admissions is also providing yard signs for newly admitted students that say "I am going to UCA".
  - A. Hall stated that she will be involved in a Productivity Funding meeting next week. The Office of Institutional Research sent out the first prior-to-graduation survey this week.
  - A. Hall also reported that Service Learning has had a 300% increase in participation. In Fall 2016, there were 698 unduplicated students who took a Service Learning class compared to the 354 unduplicated students who took a Service Learning class in Fall 2015.
  - A. Baldwin stated that University College hosted six faculty members from Harding University. The six attendees were interested in seeing the co-requisite courses that they had heard about through Student Success.

- A. Baldwin also stated that University College is working with Admissions and Financial Aid to create a parent program for parents of high school students that will cover college readiness. This program will be used as a recruitment tool, but will also be a service to the community. The program will be coordinated through Outreach and Community Engagement.
- J. Fincher reported that the \$30,000 that were set aside from contract funds will be used as a student emergency micro-grant fund.
- S. Sobel stated that the second Out of Darkness Walk was held on April 8, with an increased attendance that included President Davis.
- S. Sobel reported that the Counseling Center will not renew their Well-Track contract due to a rate increase. They will work on a replacement digital self-help program.
- T. Duncan asked whether there were SSRC funds that could be used for extra tutors in the College of Liberal Arts and in the Department of Philosophy and Religion.
- T. Duncan mentioned that her department is coordinating with Career Services to ask students what they plan to do after graduation if not attending graduate school.
- A. Webster stated that Hershila Lallu, the 2017-2018 Student Government Association President, received the Outstanding Diversity Outreach by a Student award.
- A. Webster reported that the Lavendar Reception was held on April 5. The Latino Graduation Celebration will be this coming weekend and the Spring Minority Graduation Celebration will be next week.
- A. Webster mentioned that the Diversity Advisory Committee met last week and the meeting minutes are on the website.
- S. Runge reported that the proposal of the new committee for non-academic assessment, the Co-Curricular & Support Unit Assessment Committee, received the approval of Executive Staff. This committee was proposed by Dr. Brandon Combs.
- T. Duncan reported that the College of Liberal Arts made their diversity committee a standing committee.
- T. Phillips stated that the School of Communication will bring forward a new department Diversity Committee soon.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.