

Student Success & Retention Council

July 20, 2017

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2017. Provost Steve Runge (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Julia Winden-Fey, Amy Baldwin, Hershila Lallu, Jacob Held, Colin Stanton, Amber Hall, Rahul Mehta, Susan Sobel, John Fincher, Thomas Bruick, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Angela Webster, Brandon Combs, Patricia Smith, and Taine Duncan.

- 1) The SSRC minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were considered and approved with Hershila Lallu, Colin Stanton, Rahul Mehta, and Thomas Bruick abstaining.
- 2) A. Baldwin discussed a proposal to change the mission and name of University College. A memo outlining the proposed changes was provided to the Council. J. Winden-Fey reported that the SSRC First-Year Experience Subcommittee approves and endorses the proposed changes. The proposed mission was discussed and it was suggested that the proposal remove "First Year" from the mission and from the department's new title.

A motion to support the amended proposal of a change to the University College mission was made and seconded. The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed mission.

A motion to support the department name change from University College to the Department of Student Transitions was made and seconded. The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed name change.

A. Baldwin will bring the proposal to the next Council of Deans meeting on Wednesday, July 26.

- 3) Agenda item three, the review of members' subcommittee proposals, was tabled until the next meeting when those with proposals could attend.
- 4) Provost's Announcements:
 - The next SSRC meeting is to be announced
 - There will be an African American Male Retention meeting on Thursday, July 27, in College of Business room 105. If you would like to attend, please notify Alicia Crow and you will be added to the meeting roster.

5) Member Reports:

- J. Held stated that the fall and spring curriculum and sessions in the Center for Teaching Excellence will be Excellence in Teaching instead of FYS.
- J. Winden-Fey provided a handout packet that included the Student Success Events Calendar for fall 2017, Failure Awareness Week outline, and the UCA Family Day 2017 schedule. She will send an electronic version of the documents to the group. She requested that any events needing to be added to the Student Success Event calendar be sent to her. The Failure Awareness Week handout was discussed by the group. H. Lallu asked that the hashtag and Twitter campaign be paused until she can discuss with SGA. J. Winden-Fey also discussed the Family Day schedule. The schedule emphasizes academics in the morning and activities in the afternoon. The academic colleges will set up stations in their own buildings where they can greet students and parents, offer tours, and answer questions.
- A. Baldwin reported that the University College is managing the scheduling and enrollments of their class sections. They are hitting the predicted numbers of faculty needed to teach the sections, including ACAD 1300.
- H. Lallu stated that the SGA recently had their Executive Board Retreat where they set goals for the coming year. They will be holding elections soon.
- P. Smith reported that the Honors College is preparing for incoming freshmen. They are also making arrangements for their fall retreat. She will be presenting the Honors College Task Force proposal at the next Council of Deans meeting.
- A. Hall reported that Institutional Research is currently working on several projects.
- T. Duncan would like to add Faculty Senate events to the Student Success calendar.
- R. Mehta stated that he is the new Vice President of Faculty Senate and that this is his first SSRC meeting to attend.
- C. Stanton reported that the preliminary SOAR numbers show 680 students in attendance. The trend that they are seeing is that students who have already registered did not seem to attend SOAR this year. There are more than ten students registered for Arrow. Also, his last day with UCA will be August 31.
- J. Fincher said that he brought the summer reading books with him and he encouraged everyone to sign out a book at the end of the meeting. He also stated that his office received approval to hire a Dash Emergency Grant Coordinator. There are three interviews scheduled next week and he asked that if anyone knew of a qualified candidate, to please encourage them to apply. He also stated that he will be teaching a CSPA course, keeping practical assessment

as a piece of the course. If anyone has projects in which they need assistance by graduate students, please notify him.

- T. Bruick reported that he is teaching Principles & Practices this fall. He also reported that there is currently just over 100% committed in Housing, including Hughes Hall being closed for renovations. He provided a Peer Coaching update, stating that they have met with 445 probation/alert students during the spring semester, which equates to 68%, and that they met with a total of 815 students over the course of the year. He also stated that they FYS Peer Mentoring is expanding the pilot with 11 students in peer mentoring.
- B. Combs reported that the Office of Assessment has a lot of ongoing projects.
- J. Winden-Fey thanked Provost Runge for his leadership in completing the Student Success and Retention Plan and for his service. S. Runge stated that he has received a lot of positive feedback on the Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.