

Student Success and Retention Council
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2015

Members present: Julia Winden Fey (Acting Chair), Ben Rowley, Jacob Held, Angela Jackson, Susan Sobel, LeighAnn Denhartog, Colin Stanton, and Kristin Heffington for Amber Hall

Members absent: Kaye McKinzie, Zach Carter, Stephanie McBrayer, Cheryl Lyons, Nancy Gallavan

Guests: Courtney Mullen, Thomas Bruick, Angela Webster Smith and Kaylon Bradford

Order of Business:

1. Angela Webster Smith, Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity, shared information on existing diversity programs and plans for future diversity initiatives which are being made possible through the receipt of external grant awards. Kaylon Bradford spoke at length on the Black Male Achievement Challenge (BMAC) program. Discussion ensued concerning collaboration with other student success programs.
2. Stanton made a motion to approve the minutes from the SSRC meeting on October 15, 2015. Held seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor. Minutes will be posted to the website.
3. Members agreed to move the December meeting from December 3 to December 10 to accommodate Amy Baldwin, who will lead a discussion on the ADHE Master Plan.
4. Winden Fey would like to have information meetings as the second standing SSRC meeting each month, beginning next semester. These meeting would be open to the campus and would provide an opportunity to learn more about reporting tools and data resources available from Institutional Research.
5. Roundtable Discussion:
 - a. Peer counseling was implemented in Farris Hall and will extend to other residence halls this spring. Bruick suggested a collaboration with the success coaches that are already established in the residence halls.
 - b. Online counseling and self-help tools have been established for students. Sobel is working with Human Resources to develop similar services for faculty and staff. Winden Fey would like to include the counseling link for students on the OSS website.
 - c. Bear Facts Days this Saturday.
 - d. Stanton is pushing for changes in SOS. Will keep the SSRC updated.
 - e. BMAC is maintaining steady attendance at the weekly programs.
 - f. The "Slice of UCA" dinner offers selected high school minority students a unique opportunity to preview UCA. Students are invited to bring two guests. About 80% of those attending the dinner will enroll at UCA.
 - g. Academic Advising is underway for Spring. Some classes are already at maximum capacity.

- h. The Testing Center has expanded in Torreyson West to include the former space occupied by the Confucius Institute. The additional space was needed to provide a testing site for Disability Services.
 - i. Compass Testing is ending this summer. UCA is looking for another placement testing tool.
 - j. Summer Start is expanding to include a Skills Development program that targets students with ACT scores of 19-22.
 - k. The UCA Core Council will roll out a branding campaign this spring with the assistance of a Public Relations graduate student. The campaign will target students, employers, parents and faculty by explaining the importance and value of the UCA Core education program. Members suggested Held also communicate with the parent advisory council in student services and concurrent credit coordinators at high schools.
 - l. The UCA Core Council recently modified the lower division social science requirements due to ongoing fulfillment problems for both resident and transfer students.
 - m. About 1700 students completed the MapWorks survey this fall.
6. Other Business: Winden Fey will email members the retention portion of the Enrollment Management Plan before the next meeting (December 10th).

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Massey