

Student Success and Retention Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2016

Members present: Julia Winden Fey (Acting Chair), Jonathan Glenn, Amber Hall, Susan Sobel, Leigh Ann Denhartog, Nancy Gallavan, Ben Rowely, Colin Stanton, Kaye McKinzie, Jacob Held

Members absent: Zach Carter, Stephanie McBrayer, Cheryl Lyons, Patricia Smith, Angela Jackson

Guests: John Fincher, Thomas Bruick

Dr. Winden Fey called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm

Business:

1. Dr. Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes from the SSRC meeting on December 10, 2015. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 in favor, 1 abstention.
2. Dr. Glenn provided an update on the Strategic Plan Task Force. The current draft of the Strategic Plan recognizes the importance of the SSRC by placing it at the top level of reporting and providing significant funding for its mission. The plan will continue to be reworked until an agreement is reached among the SPTF members and shortly thereafter, it will be rolled out to the campus for further feedback and discussion. Dr. Glenn urged SSRC members to participate in the campus forums the week of February 8, 2016.
3. Dr. Winden Fey reported on the Enrollment Management Plan template and her plans to visit with the new Director of Assessment to discuss processes for collecting data on student retention.

Roundtable:

1. The Arkansas Student Success Symposium is scheduled for March 15, 2016. A workshop is planned for March 14 on "How to Help Students Learn in the Classroom".
2. The Center for Teaching Excellence is scheduled to have a panel discussion February 4, 2016 on "Getting Students to Succeed". Several members of the SSRC have been invited to participate. Students will present the information to the faculty.
3. The Academic Advising Center has finalized the summer registration calendar.
4. Mr. Stanton reported SOAR letters will be sent the week of February 1, 2016. A pilot SOAR is being planned for First Generation students, while a new SOAR targeting transfer and nontraditional students is scheduled for May.
5. Dr. Held reported progress is being made on 2+2 articulation agreements to ensure transfer students receive credit for upper division UCA Core courses. Plans are also being made to integrate MAPWorks with the First Year Seminar and the Sophomore Mentor program.
6. Mr. Bruick shared news of a success coaching program in the residence halls that targets freshmen with GPAs between 2.0 - 2.5.
7. Dr. McKinzie requested that faculty advisors receive a copy of the probation letters that are sent to students from the AAC.
8. Interviews begin next week with candidates for the statistician position in the Office of Institutional Research.

The next SSRC meeting is set for February 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm in Wingo Hall 315.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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