

Student Success and Retention Council
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016

Members present: Julia Winden Fey (Acting Chair), Jonathan Glenn, Jacob Held, Cheryl Lyons, Amber Hall, Angela Jackson, Nancy Gallavan, Camille Shepherd, Steve Runge (non-voting)

Members absent: Susan Sobel, Leigh Ann Denhartog, Ben Rowely, Colin Stanton, Kaye McKinzie, Zach Carter, Stephanie McBrayer, Patricia Smith

Guests: Thomas Bruick, John Fincher, Amy Baldwin

Dr. Winden Fey called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm

(January Meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum at the start of the meeting)

Business:

1. Dr. Winden Fey introduced the new UCA Director of Assessment, Dr. Camille Shepherd.
 - Dr. Shepherd expressed her vision for developing UCA's assessment program.

2. Dr. Baldwin discussed best practices and resources for helping students see a clear path to completion through the Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) initiative. Best practices include: whole programs of study, "meta majors" and informed choices, default pathways, milestone courses, intrusive, just-in-time advising and math alignment to majors.
 - Dr. Held inquired: (1) if the initiative is mandated or if it is voluntary like the AMAPS and; (2) how to include non-professional programs and other areas that are underrepresented in career advising. Discussion ensued.
 - Dr. Glenn outlined the process for implementing GPS: (1) include as a part of the Strategic Planning Task Force Report so money may be side aside for training; (2) have the milestone courses in place by fall 2017 and; (3) establish the meta majors and schedules based on AMAPS by fall 2019.

Roundtable:

1. Ms. Lyons mentioned that staff in the Financial Aid office are receiving on-going training in an effort to better communicate with students.

2. Ms. Hall reported a failed IR Search for a statistician. The job description will be revised and reposted to better represent the position requirements.

3. Dr. Gallavan reported the College of Education is looking at ways to recruit more diverse students.
4. Ms. Jackson mentioned the Campus Climate / Enrichment Survey was sent out today from the Office of Institutional Diversity to gather input from faculty & staff. The Slice of UCA is scheduled for February 24 and the BMAC Gentleman's Brunch is set for February 27.
5. Dr. Held reported plans to: (1) improve the social media presence of the UCA Core; (2) train FYE instructors and; (3) assess the effectiveness of the FYS.
6. Dr. Runge shared his idea to embark on a mission to learn of the challenges faced by black male students and to raise achievement for this population.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Massey