

Student Success & Retention Council
January 19, 2017

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Steve Runge (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Nancy Gallavan, Tami Phillips, Amber Hall, Julia Winden-Fey, Brandon Combs, Courtney Bryant, John Fincher, Thomas Bruick, Amy Baldwin, Angela Webster, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Kaye McKinzie, Patricia Smith and Susan Sobel.

1. The SSRC Minutes of December 15, 2016 were approved. N. Gallavan and K. McKinzie abstained.
2. S. Runge stated that he had received the HLC draft report that will go before the HLC Board. Overall, it was a strong report.
3. T. Bruick provided the Council with an update on probation coaching (handout). Of the 517 students on Academic Probation, peer coaches met with 299 of the students. He stated that they look forward to getting more data once enrollment is finalized. Students on Academic Alert are now included in the coaching program caseload for spring, 2017. Students have provided positive feedback on the program. There is a need to track students after completing the program.
4. K. McKinzie discussed a software program called Quickly Attendance. It is a software that is integrated with Blackboard, allowing students to sign in to class from their phone, computer or tablet and it was tested on approximately 20 faculty members last year. K. McKinzie will look into testing the software with a larger test group. The cost of the software is \$4,999 per year. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the software in order to test it for one year. The vote passed with one abstention.
5. Provost's Announcements:
 - a. The next meeting of the Student Success and Retention Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 3:30 p.m.
 - b. The Student Success Symposium is scheduled for March 13-14, 2017.
6. The Council reviewed the changes that have been made to the Student Success and Retention Plan. The most up-to-date document will be shared with the group via Google Drive. The Council members are asked to make notes and be ready to discuss additional changes at the next meeting.
7. Member Reports:

- a. J. Winden-Fey stated that the Peer Mentoring Workshop is scheduled for Monday. Registration is \$100. Also, the first student for the Student Success Challenge came in for coaching on January 18, 2017. They were a new student.
 - b. N. Gallavan reported that the College of Education had Lighthouse Beacons on the first week of class. They were located at a greeting table in front of Mashburn to help students navigate the building. The service is highly appreciated by the students.
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The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.