

Student Success and Retention Council  
September 15, 2016

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016. Steve Runge (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Julia Winden Fey, Thomas Bruick (attending in the absence of Stephanie McBrayer), Amber Hall, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Cheryl Lyons, Kaye McKinzie, Taine Duncan, Angela Webster and Patricia Smith.

- 1) The SSRC minutes of July 21, 2016 were approved. K. McKinzie and T. Bruick abstained.
- 2) J. Winden Fey provided an update on the Student Success Challenge (SSC) program. Emails and texts were sent to notify eligible students of the opportunity, as well as follow-up reminders. Three financial literacy workshops were held as part of the program so far. Discussion followed regarding improved methods of getting the message out to eligible students. Consensus was to ask faculty who teach freshmen to inform their students of the SSC program. J. Winden Fey will draft a letter to faculty and provide to R. Voss for email distribution to faculty.
- 3) J. Winden Fey led a discussion regarding the need to better tie-in CTE programs with student success. The SSRC will look at ways to get more faculty to attend CTE programs such as a) asking CTE to offer programming within the colleges so that faculty are in closer proximity and b) offering programming that is tailored specifically for the individual colleges. Discussion followed. S. Runge will follow-up with Kurt Boniecki, Associate Provost for Instructional Support.
- 4) S. Runge provided an update on the funding of strategic plan initiatives. A handout was provided. Many student success initiatives received funding. Discussion followed.
- 5) S. Runge provided an overview of the Concurrent Credit Advisory Committee meeting that he attended at ADHE this morning. Topics of discussion at the meeting included fee structure and teacher/faculty quality control. Discussion followed regarding concerns that students will use up their Pell grant eligibility if they accept Pell grant funds for high school concurrent coursework, with a negative effect on student retention.
- 6) Member Reports:
  - L. A. DenHartog informed the committee that:
    - Small group advising is ongoing.
    - The AAC is currently spending a lot of time on graduation applications.Discussion followed regarding difficulties with accessing advising notes in Banner for people using Google Chrome. L. A. DenHartog will look into this problem.
  - C. Lyons stated that this is a very busy period in the Office of Financial Aid.
  - A. Webster stated that:
    - UCA will be recognized by Minority Access, Inc. on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Washington, D.C., as an Exemplary College/University Committed to Diversity for 2016.
    - The First-Year Minority and International Student Dinner is tonight at 5:30pm in the Student Center Ballroom.
    - Today is the first deadline for the institutional diversity grant.

- P. Smith reported that:
  - The Schedler Honors College officially retained 100% of their freshmen cohort from last year.
  - The incoming class is the most diverse in the history of the Honors College.
- J. Winden Fey stated that:
  - The Student Veteran Resource Center renovation is complete in Old Main and looks nice.
  - The Minton Commuter College renovation is complete (the Faculty Senate committed \$5,000 and the Provost's Office committed an additional \$3,500 to aid in completing the technology needs of the project.
  - The Provost's Office funded a military ombudsman position.
  - First-to-Go Awareness Week is wrapping up and was a success.
  - Day of Mindfulness is October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - The Majors Fair is October 6<sup>th</sup>
- T. Bruick stated that:
  - Peer success coach meetings have begun with 35-40 meetings held so far, and feedback has been positive. Students on probation who do not meet with a coach will be required to go to a workshop. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of copying the student advisor for students who are on probation in an effort to make the advisor aware of the steps required for the student to get off of probation.
  - Mapworks launched on Sunday and run through September 26<sup>th</sup>. The response rate is trending higher than normal.
- Amber Hall stated that the Office of Institutional Research is currently working to replace an analyst who recently left.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12pm