

Student Success & Retention Council

November 16, 2017

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Provost Michael Hargis (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Julia Winden-Fey, Cheryl Lyons, Tami Phillips, Tina Murdock, Rahul Mehta, Lindsey Shurley, Hershila Lallu, Courtney Bryant, Amber Hall, John Fincher, Thomas Bruick, Alyson McEntire, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Patricia Smith, and Angela Webster. Kurt Boniecki was present for agenda item one.

1. Dr. Kurt Boniecki spoke with the Council about Gateways to Completion (G2C) and provided them with a handout that outlines the program. The purpose of G2C is to evaluate the curricular processes, specifically in the high failure rate and gateway courses. He stated that the program will take student success into the courses. Discussion followed.
2. The SSRC minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting were considered and approved with J. Winden-Fey, C. Lyons, T. Phillips, L. Shurley, H. Lallu, and L.A. DenHartog abstaining.
3. T. Bruick provided the Council with a handout of the fall 2017 peer coaching statistics. The number of individual coaching meetings and the number of students participating has doubled this fall since fall of 2016. 60% of probation students have had at least one meeting with their coach this fall. Discussion followed.
4. L.A. DenHartog provided the group with a mid-term progress report update. There was a participation rate of more than 90%. The Academic Advising Center has already met with many of the at-risk students to discuss their options going forward. The mid-term grade reporting process has increased student awareness and has received positive feedback from faculty. Discussion followed.
5. J. Winden-Fey provided an update on the First-Year Experience Subcommittee's progress. They met and identified the student outcomes that they want to see in the traditional student's experience at the end of their first year. She plans to share the list of outcomes with the group. The subcommittee plans to tie the list to the Student Success and Retention Plan, the Strategic Plan, and to the SSRC mission. Currently, the subcommittee is discussing undergraduate freshmen, but they plan to expand the discussion to include upper classmen and graduate students in the future. Discussion followed.
6. J. Winden-Fey and C. Lyons discussed the Student Success Challenge scholarship. Student interest and participation has remained low this year. Of the 791 students eligible

to complete the Student Success Challenge, only 55 completed all five requirements to receive the \$250 scholarship. Discussion followed.

7. Provost's Announcements:

- The next SSRC meeting will be Thursday, January 18, at 3:00.

8. Member Reports:

- H. Lallu stated that the Student Government Association has a number of projects in the works right now. One of their main focuses is advising. The group has been working with the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee to discuss their concerns.
- P. Smith stated that the Honors College will be hosting the third annual National Society for Minorities in Honors conference in Fall 2018.
- T. Murdock reported that the library has almost completed their strategic plan and that student success is one of their chief priorities.
- C. Bryant announced that the university is ahead in admissions applications than we were at this point last year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.