

Student Success & Retention Council

January 18, 2018

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Provost Michael Hargis (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Julia Winden-Fey, Brandon Combs, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Jacob Held, Courtney Bryant, Amy Baldwin, John Fincher, Hershila Lallu, Darshon Anderson, Amber Hall, Lindsey Shurley, Cheryl Lyons, Patricia Smith, Lesley Graybeal, Tina Murdock, Taine Duncan, Tami Phillips, and Susan Sobel.

1. The SSRC minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting were considered and approved.
2. J. Winden-Fey provided the Council with a handout of the Annual Report on the Student Success and Retention Council to the Faculty Senate. The Council discussed the report and approved submitting it to Faculty Senate.
3. J. Winden-Fey distributed an update on the fall 2017 Supplemental Instruction (S.I.) data. PSYC 1300 made S.I. attendance mandatory for the class. Student grades for the class raised from 77.32% receiving A-C grades in fall 2016 to 81.70% receiving A-C grades in fall 2017. BIOL 1440 and CHEM 1402 encouraged voluntary attendance. Overall, there were more than 6,000 S.I. visits last semester versus less than 600 visits in prior semesters. Discussion followed.
4. J. Winden-Fey provided an update on Gateways to Completion (G2C). In February, Institutional Research will provide information on student outcomes. The G2C group will then analyze the data and report back in March with which classes have the highest student failure rate based on a number of demographics. Once the report is received, the steering committee will meet to discuss which classes will be targeted in the fall.
5. J. Winden-Fey distributed a progress report on Goal III of the Student Success and Retention Plan. The Council discussed the timeline for the annual assessment of the Plan. A report of Goal IV will be distributed at the February meeting.
6. The Council discussed that future member reports will be submitted via email in advance of the monthly meetings and distributed to the entire group with the agenda and minutes. Time-sensitive member reports can be delivered verbally at the meeting after all agenda items have been discussed.
7. Provost's Announcements:
 - The next SSRC meeting will be Thursday, February 22, at 3:00.

8. Member Reports:

- J. Winden-Fey provided the Council with the upcoming dates of the Academic Success Workshops and the participation numbers from fall 2017.
- J. Fincher shared a memo about emergency grants for textbooks. The information will be distributed to students via email. The grant provides up to \$500 in aid for textbook purchases but all Financial Aid funds must be exhausted first.
- H. Lallu reported that the Student Government Association will be bringing Jeffrey Bucholtz to campus to lead a sexual assault workshop. The sessions will be open to all faculty, staff, and students. The workshop will be held on January 24 at 4:30 and 8:30 in the Ida Waldran Auditorium.
- L. Shurley reported that there were 20 students in attendance at the New Student Spring Resource Fair.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.