

Student Success & Retention Council February 22, 2018

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Provost Michael Hargis (chair) presided, and the following individuals were present: Cheryl Lyons, Tami Phillips, Dean Covington, Rahul Mehta, Taine Duncan, Jacob Held, Lesley Graybeal, Julia Winden-Fey, Amber Hall, Amy Baldwin, Lindsey Shurley, Patricia Smith, and Susan Sobel. Dr. Allison Hitt was present for item three.

1. A. Baldwin, chair of the Black Male Experience Committee (BMEC), a subcommittee of the Diversity Committee, provided the Council with an update on her group's current focus. The BMEC is collecting and reviewing data on black male students. They are interested in data from the point of recruitment through becoming an alumni. They are also interested in retention and graduation initiatives. The committee will provide a report to the Diversity Committee at the end of the year.
2. The SSRC minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were considered and approved.
3. Dr. Allison Hitt, chair of the School of Communication Diversity Committee, spoke with the Council about the formation and responsibilities of her committee. The committee was formed in fall 2017 and has six members, allowing no more than two representatives per program within the college. They have drafted a document that outlines their responsibilities and vision statement. The responsibilities were listed with the university's Strategic Plan in mind and include student recruitment, support, and retention, among others. The committee will submit their plan to the director of the Diversity Advisory Board by the end of the semester. The group is also working on drafting inclusivity statements for School of Communication job advertisements and for course syllabi, planning faculty workshops to focus on various issues, developing a reading group for faculty discussion, among other things. Their focus is on student retention, academic and community support, and knowledge/professional development.
4. J. Winden-Fey discussed the current membership of the Council. She stated that the Faculty Senate voted to approve Faculty Handbook's recommendation that the Student Success and Retention Council be removed from the Handbook and be placed under the direction of a university committee on committees. In light of this change, the group discussed possible changes in the membership.

The Council will discuss a formal resolution of the following changes at the April meeting: conversion of two at-large faculty members to permanent representatives from the Honors College and Torreyson Library; conversion of the VP of Faculty Senate member to a department chair representative; addition of a permanent Service Learning representative; conversion of the Council's chair from the Provost to the Director of Student Success or the possibility that they co-chair; development of working

subcommittees; and addition to the Council charge to include working in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Committee.

The conversion of the VP of Faculty Senate position was considered because the Staff Senate only has their President as a sitting member.

5. A. Hall provided the Council with a handout of student scholarship retention data. The Council discussed the handout and the changes to the renewal criteria over the years.
6. The next SSRC meeting will be Thursday, March 15, at 3:00 in the College of Business Auditorium. A representative from EAB will provide a 90-minute presentation.
7. The following member reports were provided electronically to the group in advance of the meeting:
 - Lindsey Shurley
 - Student Orientation Staff applications will be available on OrgSync February 22 at 8am and will close March 8 at 4pm. Please encourage any hard-working students you know to apply. Interviews will take place Sunday, March 11 through Thursday, March 15. We are looking for faculty and staff members to serve on the interview panel. If you are interested, please contact Lindsey Shurley at 450-5892 or losborne@uca.edu. SOS flyer attached.
 - Julia Winden-Fey
 - UCA's third annual Day of Mindfulness will be held March 1, 2018. See <https://uca.edu/studentssuccess/dayofmindfulness/> for more information
 - Summer Start 2018 Bridge Programs will be held August 13-17, 2018. See uca.edu/studentssuccess for more information
 - Will provide an update from the SSRC First-Year Experience Subcommittee at the March meeting
 - Jacob Held
 - Core Council Assessment Campus Presentation Schedule
 - March 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Doyne Health Auditorium
 - March 13 at 1:40 p.m. in the College of Business Auditorium
 - March 15 at 1:40 p.m. in the College of Business Auditorium
 - March 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Doyne Health Auditorium

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.