

## **Student Success & Retention Council**

### **April 19, 2018**

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Julia Winden-Fey presided, and the following individuals were present: Amy Baldwin, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Tina Murdock, Tami Phillips, Kristin Heffington, Courtney Bryant, Lindsey Shurley, Angela Jackson, Thomas Bruick, Nadia Eslinger, Rahul Mehta, Taine Duncan, Jacob Held, and Susan Sobel.

1. The SSRC minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting were considered and approved.
2. C. Bryant provided an Admissions update to the Council. A University Admissions Committee Report to Faculty Senate document was distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting. The Admissions Committee is focusing on the Accuplacer placement scores since the Compass Placement Test has been discontinued. In 2018, the international student admissions requirements have changed to match peer and aspirant institutions.

For fall of 2018, there has been an increase of 290 freshmen admitted to the university and an increase in housing applications.

3. J. Winden-Fey led a discussion about the previously proposed changes to the Student Success and Retention Council's membership and charge. The Council discussed the following:
  - Conversion of two at-large faculty members to permanent representatives from the Honors College and Torreyson Library. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the conversion.
  - Conversion of the Vice President of Faculty Senate member to a department chair representative. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the conversion.
  - Addition of a permanent Service Learning representative. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the conversion.
  - Conversion of Council chair to the Director of Student Success or for Dr. Winden-Fey to co-chair the Council with the Provost. The Council discussed the conversion and agreed to wait until Dr. Poulter begins her new position as Provost before continuing the discussion.
  - Developing working subcommittees. The Council discussed possible subcommittees such as financial, communications, and outreach subcommittees, but did not vote to finalize any of them.

- Addition to the Council's charge to include working in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Committee and the Diversity Advisory Committee. Discussion followed. J. Winden-Fey will discuss this with the other committees and bring a plan to the next meeting.
4. The next SSRC meeting will be Thursday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.