

## **Student Success & Retention Council**

### **October 18, 2018**

The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Provost Patricia Poulter presided, and the following individuals were present: Susan Sobel, Cheryl Lyons, Tina Murdock, Courtney Bryant, Rahul Mehta, Lindsey Shurley, Lesley Graybeal, Kristin Heffington, John Fincher, Angela Webster, Jacob Held, Leigh Ann DenHartog, Kurt Boniecki, Amy Baldwin, KaRon Marbley, and Nadia Eslinger.

1. P. Poulter discussed the feedback that she and President Davis received from the EAB consultants regarding the Student Success and Retention Council. While there is great work related to student success that is happening across campus, the consultants feel that the SSRC is too large to be effective and, though they have a charge, they lack the authority to follow through with their initiatives. They suggested having a leaner core SSRC group and adding working groups that can work on specific initiatives.

P. Poulter met with Chad Hearne and Julia Winden Fey last week to discuss the vision of SSRC. The new Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management will chair the Council. SSRC will have accountability and report annually on student success. At a minimum, the Council should meet three times per year.

The core SSRC group should be comprised of directors and leaders of key areas. Participation in SSRC should be dependent on the role instead of the person so that the Council can be sustainable. This group's main purpose will be to ask why and to coordinate gathering the information needed to answer their questions.

Each working group will be chaired by a member of the core group. The working groups' purpose will be to figure out what to do, how to do it, who is affected, should an initiative be continued, etc.

The Council discussed what working groups should be included in the SSRC. Those working groups discussed were as follows.

- Data/stats/reporting working group – will gather data and statistics and provide it to the core group, as requested.
- Frontline working group – will make the current frontline working group leaner and similar to the new SSRC. The group would meet once per semester and would need to report to or be a part of SSRC.
- Research/best practice working group – will look at best practices and research. This group's work will lend a voracity to the SSRC work.

- Faculty resource/development working group – will focus on working with faculty on when and how to be proactive with students.
- Student efficacy/toolkit working group – will work on creating a checklist of what students should know how to be and do. They would be strategic in conveying this part of the student experience.
- Summer school working group – will look at online courses in terms of student success.
- Innovation working group – will discuss and try out new ideas.

Please send any other ideas for working groups to P. Poulter and Alicia Crow by October 26. P. Poulter will share these ideas with President Davis.

2. The minutes from the August 16, 2018 meeting were considered and approved with R. Mehta, L. Shurley, and L. Graybeal abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.