

Strategic Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017

Members present: Tammy Rogers (Chair), Taine Duncan, Erica Ruble, Hershila Lallu, Rahul Mehta, Lesley Graybeal, Carly Jo Riggins, Donna Bowman, Michael Gallagher, Julia Dossett Morgan, Carmesha Jemerson, Jonathan Glenn, Brad Teague, Michael Hargis and Brandon Combs (NV)

Members absent: Shelia Vaught, Phillip Bailey

Guests: John Fincher and Julia Winden Fey

Recording secretary: Suzanne Massey

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm

Order of Business:

1. Minutes from the joint SPC & SBAC meeting on August 22, 2017 were approved. J. Glenn made the motion, M. Hargis seconded, motion passed all in favor. Minutes will also need to be approved by SBAC before they are posted.
2. New members were welcomed and introductions were made for all members.
3. T. Rogers explained the SPC charge and the role of SPARC. The SPC meeting agenda for AY 2017-18 was distributed and discussed.
4. J. Winden Fey distributed the current (June 2017) Student Success and Retention Plan (SSRP) and explained the related Strategic Plan (SP) initiatives. Remarks and discussion included:
 - a. The first three actions of the SSRP align with the first three SP goals.
 - b. Retention does not imply that UCA is lowering its standards. Retention is a measurement of the standards we have set. We need to know if those standards are obstacles to retaining students. In order to make students successful, we have to retain them.
 - c. Guided Pathways are the AMAPS transformed with milestone markers. DegreeWorks is 2 or 3 versions behind where we need to be. We need more conversations with each other on how to improve our infrastructure and assist students with course taking. The Student Success and Retention Council (SSRC) would like a plan that names the Core courses and electives for all four years for all students.
 - d. The SSRC would like to attach the summer Bridge Programs (BP) to the fall semester. In order for that to occur, UCA would need a Monday start date. Linking the BP to the fall semester would allow more student participation since they would be eligible to receive financial aid.
 - e. The SSRC has received good feedback on the Success Coaching and Peer Coaching programs.

- f. J. Fincher reported that Student Services is working to identify programs, such as Service Learning, that could be used as “badges” on student transcripts. More conversations need to happen across departments/divisions to further develop these incentives.
- g. This year all freshman and sophomores will receive a “progress report” at the 5 or 6 week mark – these will not necessarily be a grade but more of a “flag” to identify students at risk.
- h. How do we address on-line students?
- i. Faculty can use GradesFirst at anytime to issue alerts.
- j. The SSRP needs to include the Library and Athletics.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 5, 2017