

Student Success Committee Meeting

2 PM, December 3, 2013

Dragas Hall Conference Room

Present: Jane Dane', Todd Johnson, Terrie Mathews, Lisa Mayes, David Metzger, Ellen Neufeldt, Brian Payne, Don Stansberry, Mary Swartz, Sandy Waters, Rusty Waterfield, Johnny Young.

Fall '13 Cohort, Retention Efforts, and Goals (83%)

Pre-Registration

Mary reported that approximately 500 students have pre-registered for summer school. Discussion followed on advising. Phone calls start tonight; residence life are also reaching out to students. Vicki Bonner is working with Vera Riddick on those students who have financial balances that do not permit them to register. Discussion followed concerning the need for financial planning by students and how best to inform these students that they need a financial plan before they enroll. All agreed that financial planning needs to begin in high school. A working group, composed of Christopher Fleming, Judy Luedtke, Mary Deneen, Vera Riddick, Todd Johnson, someone from Housing and Residence Life, and perhaps someone with entrepreneurial, creative ideas will meet and discuss short-term and long-term financial planning strategies.

Ellen to call Alonzo Brandon about grants for small expenses. This would be a one-time grant, for which they must complete a financial aid literacy program..

On Boarding

Rusty reported that the roll out of the on-boarding piece has been delayed until January 13 and is moving system into pre-production status to get testing done. He is also working on technical support options regarding who the student calls with particular questions.

Predictive Modeling Update

EAB Collaborative

Brian reported on the EAB collaborative kick off on December 16-17. Four departments are participating in this pilot program: Nursing, International Studies, Engineering, and CME. Consultants from EAB will come for a day. This committee will attend December 17, 11-12.

Agile Advisors

Faculty advisors have had a few issues with Agile Advisors and many do not use the Outlook calendar. These issues will decrease as their use of the program increases.

Discussion ensued concerning the need for more advisors, the need for advising juniors and seniors as well as freshmen and sophomores, group advising, frequency of advising, creative ways of meeting advising needs of the students, expanding the number of those advising, using advisors/site directors and other staff at the higher ed centers for advising on-campus students, length of advising sessions, developing initial plans, developing practical rules for students with certain GPAs not being required to meet with advisor each semester, requiring declaration of major in sophomore year, piloting self-advising, outsourcing advising, online advising. An advising subcommittee

Sandy will together some bullets on the Agile Advisors.

Update on Strategic Plan

Ellen reported that an open forum is scheduled for Friday at 3:30 pm in Constant Hall. Highlights and themes will be presented.

Affinity Exercise with Learning Commons, Library, Student Success Center, October 25

This was held on October 25, with September Sanderlin and Cheryl Foreman leading an affinity exercise to discuss the evolution of the Learning Commons, library, and Student Success Center. Please forward your report to September as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Review and Update of Committees for 2013-14

a. Retention

Sandy Waters (co-chair), Vicki Bonner (co-chair) and Jonny Young.
Focuses on retention of freshmen to sophomore class, dealing with tactical things.

b. FYE

Don Stansberry, Joe Ritchie, Johnny Young

c. Financial Aid

Jane Dane'

d. Sophomore Success

Liz Boyd, Catherine Moss, Johnny Young, Sandy Waters

e. Upper Class Workgroup

Elaine Dawson, Chris Ricks, Mary Swartz, Scott Harrison

f. Faculty Advisory Subcommittee

Brian Payne, Johnny Young, Terri Mathews

g. Time to Degree

GW Thompson, David Metzger, Jane Dane', Mar Swartz, Johnny Young

h. Portal/Communication

Rusty Waterfield (co-chair), Don Stansberry (co-chair)
Rusty to invite Deb Swiecinski or Mary Deneen to join this committee

i. Assessment

Jane Dane', Scott Harrison, Worth Pickering, Tisha Paredes

j. Entry Process

Jane Dane', Rusty Waterfield, Scott Harrison
Includes on-boarding

k. Technology Tools

Brian Payne, Jane Dane', Mary Swartz, Rusty Waterfield, Scott Harrison, Lisa Mayes, Marissa Jimenez, Sandy Waters
Includes Retain, Agile Advisors, EAB, Tutor Track

l. Advising

Sandy Waters, Terri Mathews, Lisa Mayes, Don Stansberry, Michael Moore (from Registrar's Office), someone from Housing & Residence Life

m. Learning Communities

David Metzger, Johnny Young, and others to be determined.

Success Advisory Board

Johnny reported that the Sophomore Success Advisory Board, which meets twice each semester, met in October to discuss/plan activities, including: Fall into Advising campaign, Majors Fair (March 4), Sophomores Under the Stars (November 5), Luncheon with College of Education (February 11), Celebration of Excellence (February 25), Luncheon with College of Arts and Letters (April 8).

Spring First Class

Jane reported that a First Class will be offered this spring semester (Saturday, January 11). Similar to the First Class this fall, we are partnering with faculty, who wrote the entire curriculum for this spring event. Don reported that "Welcome Back" will also be displayed throughout campus. Discussion followed concerning having appropriate offices open on Saturday. Mary reported that Rollins Hall will be open from 9 am – 12 noon.

Suspensions

Sandy reported that the list of suspensions will run on December 18. Emails will be sent through Retain. Letters will be go out the day after Christmas. Emails have already gone out to approximately 300 students on probation.