

Student Success Committee Meeting

9:00 AM, November 14, 2014

Koch Hall Conference Room

Present: Todd Johnson, Lisa Mayes, David Metzger, Brian Payne, Don Stansberry, Mary Swartz, Rusty Waterfield, Johnny Young.

Freshman Seminar

Don reported that this group is talking about curriculum for first year programming and continues to develop themes for each month to assist in campus collaboration.

Johnny met recently with members of the group charged with researching a noncredit freshman year experience course and is in the exploratory stage, gathering the history of previous freshman seminars. All feel very strongly that a freshman seminar will not be a resurrection of NEW PAGE. There is some consensus of it being subject specific and with some competencies of transitional skills but will not duplicate UNIV 101. The group reviewed first-year seminars or similar offerings at William & Mary, UNC-Charlotte, and Appalachian State University. This group will make recommendations regarding the non-credit status of the course and whether it will be a required or optional course.

Review and Update Committees

a. Portal/Communication

Rusty reported that the portal is being fine-tuned and will focus on distance learning in the new year. Feedback on the portal is very positive. The advisor portal will open this weekend.

b. Technology Tools

Brian reported that the technology tool kit was shared with advisors and at ODAN.

c. Entry Process

The feedback is very positive for this checklist. Changes will be made to the new student checklist so it aligns more with the checklist on the Preview website.

d. Financial Literacy

Todd reported that more than 4,000 ODU students have signed up for the iGrad. Second phase of this project will focus on content. This committee will discuss strategies to improve students' overall financial health and will target specific groups. He explained that financial literacy extends beyond college; it is lifelong. The next step in this lifelong process will be to look at parents and family members' use of iGrad.

e. FYE

This group met recently and discussed the freshman seminar. Also discussed was the confusion about Signature Experience, Monarch Experience, REP ODU, and 1 ODU. These terms are used interchangeably by many on campus, including students, faculty, and staff. Scott has created an infographic that explains these and will be invited to present this at the December Student Success Committee meeting.

f. Sophomore Success

Johnny reported that this committee is contacting students identified through the EAB who received early alert reports and encouraging them to come in and talk about the academic struggles they are having. This is an ongoing process. Alums are being invited to come in and talk about careers related to their major.

g. Faculty Advisory Group

Brian reported that Grace Little presented the advising portal to this group recently. During discussion at a meeting of this group last week, faculty expressed they do not want any more advising tools; no more new technology. Also discussed was freshman seminar and NEW PAGE. Many faculty serving on the various Student Success subcommittees expressed how much they enjoy being involved in the subcommittees.

h. Time to Degree

Subcommittees have been formed and are focusing on specific action items. Sandy looking at bridge programs for at-risk students. Dave is working on external scholarships for students. Judy Luedtke is working on an online parent assessment for some of the parent communication programs.