

## **Student Success Committee Meeting**

**3 pm, May 17, 2017**

Koch Hall Board Room

Present: Austin Agho, Jane Dane', Scott Harrison, Terri Mathews, Ellen Neufeldt, Tisha Paredes, Humberto Portellez, Don Stansberry, Rusty Waterfield, Sandy Waters, Johnny Young, Dan Zimmerman.

### **New ODU Portal Demonstration**

Rusty provided a demonstration of the new ODU portal, which is undergoing a controlled release that includes students currently enrolled in summer classes and who have volunteered to participate in this release. The top banner is gone, to give more viewing area. Navigation is on the left. "My Favorite Apps" was created, giving students the ability to select from many ODU apps (including Academics, Campus Life, IT Services, Faculty Services, and Library). Tabs include My Dining, Bookmarks, My Information, My Schedule, My Programs, My Favorite Apps, Important Dates, Poll. My Schedule pulls from Banner. Working on ability to grab and move, push notifications (allowing colleges to push information out).

### **Retention**

As of this date, retention is at 78.1%. There are currently 270 students whose plans are unknown. There are 65 currently registered students from the fall 2016 freshman cohort with Accounts Receivable (AR) registration holds that will prevent them from registering for fall 2017 and 117 advising holds.

SAP notifications will go out by early next week. Colleges will reach out to students on probation and likely in SAP difficulty. Calling campaign to students not registered is underway.

Sandy reported that 17 students of this cohort had 0.0 GPA and were suspended. Total number of students at ODU with 0.0 GPA was 61. Total number of first suspensions was 162; total number of second suspensions was 45. Total freshmen with warnings is 33; transfer students with warning is 101. Appeals committee met this morning: 55 students had second suspensions; 28 were denied and 8 students had second warnings. Sandy reported that the suspension policy was recently changed, allowing students with second suspensions to return to ODU 1 year later. The DFWI committee met recently and is discussing changes to the course repeat policy among other issues. They will review a report on the number of times students repeat classes. Sandy will check to see if this report can identify students between those who lived on campus versus those who lived off campus.

### **LLC Update**

Dan Zimmerman reported that last year (2015-16) there were 9 LLCs, with 343 participants. This year there were 11 LLCs, with the addition of Cybersecurity and Service-Learning; a total of 414 students participated. All but 3 LLCs outperformed non-LLC students in fall semester. LLC students were retained at about 1 point higher than non-LLC students. Current LLC students were surveyed in spring, with 18.5% completing the

assessment (Honors College students had highest response rate). More than 90% of respondents were satisfied with their LLC experience.

For the 2017-18 academic year:

- 427 students signed up so far (75% full)
- 14 LLCs:
  - Business (England House; 3 shared courses)
  - Cybersecurity (Whitehurst Hall; 3 majors; 1 non-majors; LC & LLC)
  - Engineering (Gresham Hall; 3 shared courses; )
  - Entrepreneurial (England House)
  - Foundation House (for 9 academically-talented female VA residents; all Sciences spaces are filled; working on Engineering). Discussion on requirements; GPA is biggest hurdle for students. Criteria needs to be reviewed.
  - Global Leadership Community (Powhatan Apartments; shared educational plan)
  - Health Professions (Gresham Hall; 4 shared courses in LC)
  - Honors College (Virginia House)
  - MonarchTeach (Ireland House)
  - ODU Explorers (Whitehurst Hall)
  - ROTC (Whitehurst Hall; 1 shared course)
  - Sciences (Rogers Hall; shared educational plan)
  - Service-Learning (ODU Inn; 1 optional shared course per semester)
  - Spectrum (Virginia House; shared educational plan)
- Discussions have begun concerning LLCs in Owens House.

### **Low Income Students Follow Up**

Jane reported the following:

- Nationally, 89% of low income first generation students will leave school after 6 years without a degree
- 24% of all students entering college are both first generation and low income (ODU data mirrors this)
- 39.3% of students at ODU in 2014-15 were Pell Grant recipients. Of Virginia schools, only NSU (at 67.2% was higher); all other VA schools were lower. Average in Virginia was 26.5%. William & Mary was at 11.7% (lowest in Virginia).
- ODU students at or below poverty level has tripled during the past 10 years, from 6% in 2006-07 to 18% in 2015-16.
- The likelihood of quitting school increases as aid decreases.
- Less than 64% of need met indicates retention risk for freshmen.
- The average percent of need met for the 2016 freshman class was 38%.
- Average award of \$1,636 to each student would address percent of need.

Discussion followed.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **First Generation**

Don reported that this group has outlined its goals for next semester. Activity for mentors and mentees was held and was well attended. One of the Freshmen Summer Institutes targets first generation students.

## **Sophomore Success**

Johnny reported that several collaborative campaigns are underway”

- Psychology students whose average is below 2.0 in their major
- Engineering students not progressing in their major
- Students with Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semester GPA of 0.0
- EARS students who were reported nonattendance b their instructors
- Parallel planning for Health Sciences students
- Success Plans for Teacher Prep majors

Johnny reported on the Monarch Passport to Success. This is a Blackboard organization used at the platform for students to record their participation in a success program at ODU. This organization provides a list of success programs available and is used to track students’ compliance with university policy. Per university policy, students on academic probation are required to participate in a Student Success program sponsored by the Student Success Center. Students are to report their program participation through the Monarch Passport to Success in Blackboard. Johnny will report on the 2016-17 Monarch Passport to Success final participation rate at the June Student Success committee meeting.

## **Data**

Jane reported that, based on 39.3% of ODU students and 29.7% of VCU students who were Pell Grant recipients, more than 190 students from VCU and more than 778 students from ODU received Pell Grants. Norfolk Metropolitan area is the poorest in the state.

## **Degree Completion**

Humberto met recently with Dean Claud in the College of Continuing Education in his efforts to bring students into the leadership degree program. Humberto is compiling a list of students with 40-75 hours at ODU. (We are creating two attributes: students earned a 2-year degree and students who earned a 4-year degree). Once the list is finalized, he will share it with Distance Learning.

## **Advising**

Sandy reported that the wording for the advisor hold has been changed to “Degree Plan Hold – See Advisor” effective this fall. First suspension requires students to sit out 1 semester.