



University Council Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: February 25, 2015

Attendees: Gannon, Debbie; Gruich, Dorothy; Kline, John; Krovi, Ravi; Levy, Paul; Marion, Nancy; Moore, Stacey; ~~Mothes, Holly~~; Pleuss, Carol; Thorpe, Lauri; ~~Tuesday, Carrie~~.

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

January 28, 2015 minutes approved with one change; "Applicant Fees, iii" – added SES Committee unanimously voted NO.

I. Admissions Report – see attached PowerPoint slides



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- a. -
- b. Discussions about the Admissions PowerPoint presentation:
- Slide 2, suggestion to designate between men/women minorities
 - 277 students have paid their \$145 confirmation fee who plan to join Honors in fall 15
 - Fall 15 challenge – with more students admitted, how do we budget for the additional scholarship money?
 - Lauri met with the Budget committee and received approval to go past the March 1 deadline to offer additional scholarships.

II. Retention and Completion Plan:

- a. Stacey – our committee is sponsoring the Retention and Completion Plan Launch Day – see attached agenda:

Retention and Completion Plan Launch Day

Monday, March 30, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, Student Union

Sponsored by the University Council Student Engagement and Success (UCSEAS) Committee and the Student Success Steering Team (SSST) subcommittee of UCSEAS/UCSEAS *voted to endorse on Wednesday, January 28*

Agenda

8:30 Gathering, Refreshments

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

- SSST and Retention Champions - Overview/ presentation

Recognition and Acknowledgements to those who contribute to student retention (video with student testimonials)

9:25 Opening Speaker

Tim Renick, Vice-Provost and Vice-President, Georgia State University

- Retention, Completion and Student Success

10:15 **Highlights - University of Akron Ideas and Successes**

- poster presentations/ gallery

11:00 **Student Success and Best Practice panels**

- Student panel
- Faculty and staff panel

12:00 Closing and Thank You

Optional Afternoon Sessions

2:15 **Advising, the Student Success Collaborative and Retention**

- with Tim Renick
- For advisors and advising administrators

3:30 **UA Analytics Workshop**

- for anyone who would like to attend to learn more about the Student Success Collaborative and UA Analytics

b. Committee discussion about the Retention and Completion Launch Day/Plan:

- Our starting place will be inviting people across campus to attend this day who are somewhat involved in the Retention and Completion program.
- Suggestion: put our resources into tutoring, think about how classes are offered.
- EAB access – faculty are primary in dealing with the students.
- Suggestion: we could have a mentoring or partnering with departments. We need to have the personal connection.
- Engagement – for success we need more engaged faculty to students succeed. ENGAGEMENT is a HUGE factor. There is “Help a Zip” and “Roo Crew” in place.
- Question: Is there a method to see where our potential retention problems are?
- Answer: Eventually down the road we will be able to see exactly where the problems are in retention.
- Suggestion: In line with hospitals, they have “patient care coordinators”. UA could have something similar, “student care coordinators”.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10 pm

Next Student Engagement and Success Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 29, 2015.