

# University Council

## Student Engagement and Success Committee Annual Report May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017

### Current Goals:

(Submitted to UC in September 2016)

Goal/Metric	Accomplished	In Progress	Not Accomplished
Scholarship Appeal Process: Review & make recommendations			UC SES met in Oct. and Nov. with representatives from Scholarship and Financial Aid departments to better understand this process. The intricacies of the process and the differences between how scholarships are administered presents a challenge for communication. However, efforts can be made to clarify for students what steps they can take if for medical or other extenuating circumstances, they can appeal the loss of a scholarship.*
Scholarship Cap policy: Review & make recommendations			The committee reviewed this policy at the Oct. and Nov. meetings. The current cap allows more students to receive more money, providing access to a greater number of students. Removing the cap would benefit fewer students. The committee does not recommend removing the cap, but again, clearer communication with students about the cap and how it operates would benefit all involved.*

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<p>International Student scholarships: Review &amp; make recommendations</p>		<p>The UC SES committee reviewed a proposal submitted by a student that would allow international students to apply for the Blue and Gold Scholarships. The committee met with a representative from the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. The committee agrees there may be some merit to the proposal. The Vice President for Student Affairs forwarded it to the International Students office. We believe there is (or will be) a search for an Vice President of International Education and it this could be something for that person to consider.</p>	

What were your top two successes?

We decided to formulate new goals in February.

1. A short term goal was to pilot a new registration method for incoming first-year students. Students would be asked to login and register for typical, Gen Ed classes that don't have prerequisites. Discussions began with the Honors college and Engineering college to see if they would be interested. Updates on this will come at our April meeting.
2. A long term goal was to meet with representatives from advising, financial aid and admissions to get an understanding of if and how layoffs of 2015 have continued to impact their ability to serve students. It was noted in the HLC student survey that students often felt underserved in these areas. The March meeting agenda included two out of three of these representatives, but was cancelled at the last minute due to illness and scheduling conflicts.

What were your top two challenges?

- 1.\*In November, President Wilson convened a special committee to review and revamp the undergraduate scholarship process at UA. Given that the revamp was substantial and rapid, the UC SES committee decided to suspend the goals until we knew what the new system would be and how any of these concerns may be affected.
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Please list the dates of your meetings:

Sept. 21

Oct. 19

Nov. 16

Jan. 18

Feb. 15

Apr. 19th (upcoming)

Please submit the report to Kim Haverkamp ([kh1@uakron.edu](mailto:kh1@uakron.edu)) by April 7.