University Council
Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: December 4, 2012

Attendees: Angeletti, Rick; Ashby, Susan; Christopher, Greg; Gannon, Debbie; Kline, John; Krovi, Ravi; Marion, Nancy; Mothes, Holly; Pleuss, Carol; Thorpe, Lauri; Tressel, Jim.

Absent with notice: Levy, Paul;

Absent: Dennis, Bryan;

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

New Business

I. Introduction – Nancy Marion
   A. Nancy is representing Faculty Senate and is from the Political Science dept.

II. Subcommittee Reports
   A. Orientation –
      • Chris Tankersley is not here today. Orientation has not been finalized so Chris has nothing to discuss with our committee at this time.
      • Looking at retooling especially for our emergent students and first year generation students.
      • Last year 160 did not attend UA after they attend NSO. Why??
   B. Student Success –
      • Jim T. met with David Cummings re: submitted Policy Ideas. Brian Davis will calculate each initiative to see which serves better.
      • Brian will look at the ideas already submitted and merge those with his recommendations.
      • Results from Brian’s report merged with the needs of students will be reviewed to see which is the most financially sound.
      • Our goal - January - to have some good ideas to the Provost.
      • Second goal – January/February – in the hands of the advisors to start publishing for summer.
      • Suggestion – during the summer would be an optimal time to use P/T to teach courses. This would be a good way to maximize P/T faculty. P/T faculty would not cost as much vs. F/T faculty to each in the summer. However F/T faculty likes to pick up the extra classes in the summer.
   C. Veterans -
      • Mary Rossett (Manager of Enrollment Services) along with Steve Motika (Asst. Dean, Student Success) is working with veteran’s recruitment.
      • Jim T. also met with Roberta Depompei to discuss grouping all of the services the veterans would need. Discussed who the experts were on campus and tried to get organized to meet on a regular basis.
      • PTSD – three week free program.
      • Close to 1,000 veterans on campus.
• Distance learning for veterans – at the University of Toledo many of their veterans takes courses on-line.
• Veterans feel they do not get credit for their “life experience”.
• DANTE’s Credit - The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). UA gives this test but we do not accept it. Proficiency Test – look to see if UA accepts this, this would be a good question for Mary.
• Veterans Rep Program – Veterans who are unemployed come to college to earn an Associate Degree. Carol and John will meet with Mary to come up with policy ideas, then take to UC. Motion to move UC, approved and seconded.

III. Issue Brief – Close Rec Center during UA Football games
• Does it make sense to close the rec during game day?
• Currently the Rec is closed on Football game days.
• Compromise:
  o Survey Monkey to the students re: the use of the Rec during game day. The questions should be worded without leading the student, i.e. “Would you like the Rec facility open during game day?” “If the Rec was open would you use it and during what time of during the day?”
• Parking is closed around campus during game days, but it would not make a difference to student who live on campus b/c they could walk to the Rec.
• Our committee agreed this is a valid complaint and we will make the suggestions of the survey monkey.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 pm.

Student Engagement and Success meetings: NEXT MEETING 1/8/13, 3:00 – 4:00 SU 321

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