



**University Council
Student Engagement and Success**

Minutes: February 5, 2013

Attendees: Angeletti, Rick; Christopher, Greg; Gannon, Debbie; Kline, John; Levy, Paul; Moore, Stacey; Mothes, Holly; Pleuss, Carol; Thorpe, Lauri.

Absent with notice: Ashby, Susan

Absent: Dennis, Bryan; Krovi, Ravi; Tressel, Jim.

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm. December minutes approved and seconded.

Subcommittee Reports:

I. Orientation

- This year the orientation day will be different than in years past.
- “Count Down to Campus” – title of the Orientation program
- 18 orientation programs and 5 honors programs during spring and summer
- “The New Roo Weekend” – All students living on campus will be moved in by Thursday, the week prior to classes starting. Friday – Sunday will be the New Roo Weekend, a required course for Freshmen. This is required for new Freshmen beginning in fall only.
- Prior to the orientation day, advisors will contact students either by phone or email to go over the students major and/or classes. When the student comes on orientation day the student’s will be given a list of classes to register for that pertain to his/her major and/or required courses.
- One of the programs during the Orientation day will be an Involvement Fair. This is where students will learn about their co-curricular involvement – in line with the Akron Experience.

Questions about the new orientation program:

- How is Wayne being implemented into this program?
- The non-traditional students, such as veterans – are there any programs just for these students during the Roo Weekend?

Suggestions:

- Ask Jim to ask Chris Tankersley to one of our meetings.
- A workshop to show students how to get their UA emails on their smartphone.

II. Veterans

- December 18th John met with Mary Rossett, Linda Motley, and Karen Dickerson re: how to recruit veterans.
- They are working together to put a plan into effect to recruit and retain veterans.

New Business:

I. Accelerated Degree Programs

- Debt is climbing. The 3+1 programs or the 3+3 programs for Law School would save 1 year in tuition.
- Currently UA School of Law offers a JD/LLM program (100 credits)
 - Full-time students may complete both degrees in 3 years including summer enrollment
 - Part-time students may complete both degrees in 4 years including summers.
 - Currently there are 30 students in this program.
- The School of Law is looking at a possible 3+3 program with Political Science.
- Currently UA offers accelerated programs in Accounting BS/MS; Mathematics BS/MS; Physics BA with a MS in Polymer Engineering; and BS in Natural Sciences with a MS in Polymer Science.
- These programs will be a very good Admissions recruiting tool.
 - Lock students into the programs and we would keep them through graduate school.
 - We will attract more driven students which will help our graduation rates.
- A motion was made to form a subcommittee to explore the possibilities of creating more accelerated programs. Motion was seconded.

Unfinished Business:

I. Issue Brief: Keeping the Rec open during UA Football games.

- Lauri will follow-up with Kent Marsden re: this issue brief.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.