



University Council Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: October 21, 2015

Attendees: Angeletti, Ricky; Gannon, Debbie; Gruich, Dorothy; Kline, John; Levy, Paul; Spayd, Michael;

Absent with Notice:

Kemp, Sukanya; Novachek, Michele; Pleuss, Carol; Thorpe, Lauri

Absent: Boveington, Cory; Byrne, Michelle; Cookson, Katherine; Moore, Stacey;

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am

August Minutes approved.

I. Welcome back to the committee, Ricky Angeletti ☺

- a. Ricky is a senior Honors College student majoring in Accounting and Economics. He is Vice President of USG. He is a member of University Council, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Boy Scouts of America and the UA swim club.

II. University Council update:

- a. University Council met last week. A semi-formal recommendation was brought to UC to change to a 9-month academic year which means UC committees would not meet during the summer months. A more formal recommendation will be presented to UC in the upcoming months.
- b. UC has opened the submission of issue briefs on-line. You can submit anonymously. It was discussed that an issue from one of our committee members was submitted to UC and they have not received any feedback as to what action is being taken on the issue submitted. It was discussed and agreed upon that UC should give some feedback on how an issue is being addressed.
- c. University Council discussed attendance at subcommittee meetings. UC wants to enforce an attendance issue for the subcommittees.
- d. Wellness statement: To promote, enhance, and sustain personal and community wellness by engaging students, faculty, and staff in a collaborative environment that supports multiple areas of wellness: including physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual, environmental, and financial.

III. Diversity Plan Proposal by Lee Gill - discussion:

- a. In the process, a Diversity Plan should be created for each college.
- b. We were supposed to meet with UC Human Resources Committee, we did not, but Human Resources liked the Diversity Plan and recommended it.
- c. In the August meeting our committee had concerns about the Diversity Plan; Kim Havercamp did submit those to Diversity Council. To date, Diversity Council has not addressed our concerns.
- d. Our committee had a lot of discussion re: #9 in the Diversity Plan proposal. Specifically, "below poverty line"; "veteran 10 years or less"; "foreign born".
- e. We also discussed #4, "successes, failures, and the reasons for such successes and failures." How can we reword this to make it clearer? Our committee agreed that it will be good to see what the Diversity Council comes back with in addressing our concerns on this proposal.

IV. Overview of Wayne Campus:

- a. Fall total enrollment: 2,602 students (includes new, continuing, adult, credit plus, on-campus, off-campus, (Medina, Holmes), Gen Ed core online classes, Akron, students taking Wayne courses, etc.) This is the total number of all students taking Wayne courses. This is a record enrollment number. Increase is attributable in large part to the addition of Gen Ed Core online course offerings and an increase of credit plus high school students (formerly called postsecondary enrollment options and dual enrollment)
- b. Of that number, we have 600 high school students taking courses through the credit plus program – more taking these courses off campus at their high schools rather than on-campus at Wayne, Holmes or Medina. Of this 600 number, about 1/3 are from Wadsworth High School.
- c. We have 320 new freshmen. This is a record enrollment for new freshmen this year. We have fewer students on campus than ever before on Wayne's Campus (1300) however we have the highest enrollment we have ever had due to all the students taking courses at off-campus locations (Medina, Holmes) as well as all the students taking the Gen Ed Core online courses and all the students taking College Credit Plus courses in their high schools.
- d. Retention: Our retention rates (following a study of students who have attended Wayne College for one year) and return to Wayne the second year – that rate is 56%. This same study yielded results of 72% of those students who attended Wayne for one year and returned the second year to the Akron campus (still in the UA pipeline but not attending Wayne any longer.)
- e. In comparison with the 2015 ACT Retention and Completion Summary tables, UA Wane College's freshmen to sophomore retention rates compare well against the national average (national retention rate for 2 year public college's is 55.7% and at Wayne we are at 56% retention.)

V. Student Engagement and Success Goals for this year

- a. University Council would like each committee to set goals for this year.
- b. SES has selected two goals to focus on for this year:
 - i. Investigate and understand support services across campus. We will do a campus-wide analysis looking at each support service group to see what each is doing and what they plan to accomplish. We will look at overlap between the groups. The final presentation will be a PowerPoint pinpointing 3 steps each group is doing for student success. We will look at which programs have the best completion rate and what is their best practice.
 - ii. We will also look at what student services sections have been eliminated due to the reduction in workforce. We will investigate how those groups originally impacted the UA students and by having those positions eliminated what is NOW the impact on our current students.
 - iii. Enrich the connection between Wayne, Medina Campuses to Main Campus

VI. Dining Plans at UA – Ricky Angeletti (USG)

- a. Aramark is trying their best; they had very little time (6 weeks) to get on-board at UA. Next year will be better.
- b. Subway will be leaving the student union. It was Subway's decision not to work with Aramark.
- c. Some of the complaints by students, they can only swipe once within a certain amount of time. Also there is nothing open in the Student Union past 6:00 pm; students cannot use their swipes. Another complaint by students, the quality of Rob's food has gone downhill.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am