



University Council Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: December 16, 2015

Attendees: Angeletti, Ricky; Byrne, Michelle; Gannon, Debbie; Kline, John; Levy, Paul; Moore, Stacey; Pinheiro, Amanda; Spayd, Michael; Thorpe, Lauri.

Absent with Notice:
Kemp, Sukanya; Krovi, Ravi; Novachek, Michele; Pleuss, Carol

Absent: Boveington, Cory; Gruich, Dorothy, Cookson, Katherine

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

November Minutes approved with minor changes.

I. Welcome to the committee, Amanda Pinheiro

- a. Amanda is a senior, majoring in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. She is a member of the Honors College, Emerging Leaders, VP Student Advisory Board, Athlete and Homecoming Queen. ☺

II. University Council update:

- a. Currently, the by-laws have not been approved by the Board of Trustees for University Council (UC). UC is currently formulating a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
- b. Administration wants more ideas brought to them by UC.

Discussion:

- Q: Did they say what would happen since UC does not have approved by-laws? UC does not know what the issue is regarding their proposed by-laws. The proposed by-laws could come back from the Board with highlighted sections that are not acceptable.
 - Q: What do we think "more communication" between UC and Administration would be? Certain issues have to be brought to UC first to move forward. When UC sends issues forward to the Administration, an action should be taken. Everyone is clear that UC makes recommendations, they DO NOT make approvals.
 - Association of Governing Boards (AGB) was hired to advise how UC should function and what the committee should look like.
- c. UC Business – missed meetings (subcommittee meetings)
 - i. Members who miss 3 or more meetings will be contacted regarding the reason for missing meetings.
 - d. Leave Bank – SEAC researched (2-years) and drafted a proposal for a leave bank to be in effect at the University. Along with CPAC's interest and approval of a leave bank the proposal has already been sent to the President's Office. The President's Office, after recommendation from the Office of General Council, sent the proposal to the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Stacey will follow-up with the progress of the leave bank.

- e. Physical Environment
 - i. There is a list of projects for the next 3 years.
 - ii. Official process has not been started yet.
 - iii. The State asked schools for a wish list. Once the State starts allocating funds, we can prioritize the list. Q: Who prioritizes the list?
- f. Goals:
 - i. No one did a presentation on goals from their committee. Goals will be sent by email. Michele will go to the next UC meeting for Michael.

III. Student Engagement and Success Goals for this year:

- a. 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.
- b. Academic/Non-Academic Student Support Services:
 - i. Are there duplication of efforts
 - 1. Interview the different areas in student support services
 - 2. Devise a recommendation
 - ii. Recommended:
 - 1. Form a subcommittee: Ricky, Michelle, Debbie, John
 - 2. Outline what questions we want to ask.
 - 3. Reach out to the different groups within student support services (academic)
 - Akron Experience – Greg Dieringer
 - Success Coaches – Stacey Moore
 - Zip Assist – Cassie Verardi
 - Tutoring (all areas)
 - Military Services – Mary Rossett
 - UA Adult Focus – Laura Conley
 - Advising (Central and Colleges)
 - Counseling Center
 - Student Financial Aid – Jennifer Harpham
 - OMD – Aiesha Motley
 - Learning Communities – Greg Dieringer
 - 4. Reach out to the different groups within student support services (non-academic)
 - Bookstore
 - DocuZip
 - Zip Assist
 - Health Services
 - Center for Child Development (Preschool on campus)
 - Rec. Center
 - RL&H
 - Institute for Leadership Advancement
 - NSO
 - Buchtelite
 - Student Life
 - Police and Safety

IV. Multi-term Scheduling

- a. Block registration
- b. Stacey will provide information (see attached)
- c. College of America has a good write-up on block scheduling

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am