

# University Council

## Student Engagement and Success

**Minutes:** October 21, 2016

**Attendees:** Angeletti, Ricky; Brown, Jenna; Byrne, Michelle; Filmore, Emily; Gannon, Debbie; Krovi, Ravi; Levy, Paul; Messina, John; Pluess, Carol;

### Absent with

**Notice:** Caillet, Barb; Simmons, Todd;

**Absent:** Kemp, Sukanya;

September SES Committee minutes approved

### Old Business:

- I. Billing Questions:
  - a. Timetable for disbursement of fund: 10 days before the semester begins.
  - b. Students receive refunds 3-5 business days following the disbursement.

### New Business:

- II. Scholarship/Financial Aid Q & A with Mary Schadle
  - a. Overview:
    - i. Scholarships are awarded based on test scores (SAT/ACT) and highest cumulative GPA received when a student applies. Re-evaluation of awarded scholarships can occur if students submit new test scores prior to May 1. Scholarships range from \$2,500-\$8,000 and are awarded for eight consecutive, full time semesters.
    - ii. An email is sent to all enrolled students who receive scholarships detailing the requirements and stipulations for keeping said scholarships.
    - iii. Requirements for general academic scholarships, honors scholarships, the Buckingham Scholarship, College of Engineering Scholarships, and other awards (more details on specific scholarships at [www.uakron.edu/finaid](http://www.uakron.edu/finaid)) vary and are of difference values.
    - iv. Students can lose these scholarships for several reasons, including dropping below full-time credit hours and falling below the minimum GPA requirement.
    - v. Grades are checked at the end of the spring semester and one outlier class should not play a role in a student's scholarship loss.
    - vi. Exceptions and cases where scholarships would be reinstated include engineering co-op (but students must be physically enrolled in the co-op/ internship and email Mary Schadle individually), support documentation of a medical event, or support documentation of a death in the family. The Dean of Students Office and Mike Strong sends concerns of this nature and other extenuating circumstances to Mary Schadle.
  - b. Out of state students:
    - i. UA is attracting more out of state students but we discount their tuition.

- ii. Does not generating revenue for UA through state funding, even if students contribute to retention rates.
  - c. Scholarship cap:
    - i. 3 caps: \$9,500, \$10,500, and \$ 11,000. University awarded funds contribute to reaching the cap and the first two are more easily hit than the last cap.
    - ii. Outside scholarships and grants go through the Cashiers Office and are applied as payments to a student's account (does not contribute to hitting the cap). In rare cases book scholarships can be applied to only purchasing books and do not contribute to the cap.
    - iii. There is no concrete way to know how many students we are losing due to them hitting the cap but we can determine how many more students we can help due to having more money to spread to students.
  - d. Recommendations:
    - i. We need to define in greater detail scholarships, grants, and awards (3<sup>rd</sup> party external versus internal).
    - ii. We need to reevaluate this process to make it easier for students to understand.
    - iii. Develop clear communication on this process for students.
    - iv. Develop the appeal process and communicate this to students.
    - v. Use EAB software to identify at risk students and create a notification system for students at risk to lose their scholarships.
    - vi. How can we inform advisors on their student's scholarships so they can better advise students without violating FERPA?
- III. UA Global Scholarship
  - a. Received an email from Abigail Watson from the Undergraduate Student Government about raising the UA Global Scholarship to provide more financial aid for international students.
  - b. Ricky Angeletti will be making outreach to Ms. Watson to further discuss the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.