University Council
Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: June 14, 2016

Attendees: Brown, Jenna; Byrne, Michelle; Caillet, Barb; Gannon, Debbie; Levy, Paul; Messina, John; Pluess, Carol;

Absent with Notice:
   Angeletti, Ricky; Gruich, Dorothy

Absent: Krovi, Ravi; Thorpe, Lauri

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am
April SES Committee minutes approved

I. New Student Orientation update
   a. NSO programs are going well. More NSO days are scheduled this year, attendance is a smaller group size than last year so students receive one-on-one advising and specialized attention.
   b. Learning Communities are in place. Block scheduling is no longer being utilized.

II. University Retention and Completion Plan
   a. Reviewed the University Retention and Completion Plan (Draft)
   b. Draft document will go to the Board tomorrow for a vote.
   c. The SES Committee agreed to make the Retention and Completion Plan our focus
   d. Committee discussion re: draft document:
      i. Progress toward initial retention and completion goals. First year retention in fall, 2015 up to 74%. Was this because of the change in admission standards? Change was not evidenced in Direct Admits.
      ii. The Job/graduate pool re: job placement, 78% job placement, are these jobs in the field in which the student majored?
      iii. What is the strategy for Emergent and Preparatory students? The state asks to create a pathway system.
      iv. Re: Intentional Academic Advising, resources need to go back to advising or faculty need to be compensated. The Institution needs to make a decision on who is advising and what does that consist of. What are the needs?

Meeting adjourned 11:45 am.