

University Council Student Engagement and Success Committee

November 15, 2017 2:30 P.M. SU321

MEETING MINUTES (Corrected)

In attendance: Barb Caillet, Preston Crawford, Jessica Dickinson, Debbie Gannon, Jennifer Manista, John Messina, Taylor Swift

Absent With Notice: Kayla Bouchard, Michelle Byrne, Katie Cerrone, Ravi Krovi, Paul Levy

1. Welcome/Roll Call.
2. Approved minutes of October 18, 2017 meeting.
3. Michelle is collecting ITL ideas for Best Practices and via our agenda shared as an example the Information Literacy Workshops with Libraries – a series of workshops for instructors who require their students to evaluate information and determine its credibility (that is, how do we teach students to seek out sources and evaluate them without saying “just use the databases” but instead teach them how to think about the information they find).

Discussed the need for a system through which successful faculty could share proven techniques to engage and encourage students while keeping them accountable.

Jessica shared her experience as a student with an extremely organized and dependable professor who follows a “KISS” philosophy (simple processes but effective, paper and pen exercises in the classroom, less technology - doesn’t post Powerpoints online which in turn encourages attendance, follows office hours, answers emails, serves as a student group advisor, etc).

Examples of taking attendance: use of clickers, swiping Zipcards, deck of cards with student pictures.

Sharing organizational skills that transcend all fields.

4. Discussed the importance of tailoring Akron Experience classes to specific colleges, majors and student groups.

We agreed to cancel the SES meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

Next meeting: January 17, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. in SU321

Respectfully submitted by Barb Caillet