

University Council

Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: Feb, 15, 2017

Attendees: Byrne, Michelle; Caillet, Barb; Gannon, Debbie; Levy, Paul; Messina John

Absent: Angeletti, Ricky; Simmons, Todd

Absent with Notice: Brown, Jenna Kemp, Sukanya; Krovi, Ravi; Pluess, Carol

New Business:

I. New Goals for the Year

A. NSO

1. Debbie Gannon proposed sending new students the option of enrolling themselves in some of their first semester classes before they come to campus for NSO. This would a) give students the chance to become familiar with logging into and navigating the system (which takes considerable time during NSO) and b) perhaps shorten the time needed for advising during NSO. Students would not be allowed to register for courses that require placement tests or pre-reqs. Possible options include communications courses, Intro to Psychology, English Comp 1.
2. Debbie will look into a possible pilot with incoming Engineering Honors students. She will contact the people would be be involved and get their input.

B. Student Services

1. Given the impact of the layoffs of 2015 on Student Services, we agreed to invite key people from Financial Aid and Admissions to get their input about the effects. We noted that on the HLC Student Survey, students remarked they had trouble in these areas. An discussion will help up uncover if there are recommendations we can make to improve communication with students so they have a better experience.

Old Business: None

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