

University Council Student Engagement and Success Committee

January 17, 2018 3:30 P.M. SU 321

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Kayla Bouchard, Michelle Byrne, Barb Caillet, Katie Cerrone, Jessica Dickinson, Ravi Krovi, Paul Levy, Jennifer Manista, John Messina, Taylor Swift

Absent With Notice: Debbie Gannon

1. Welcome/Roll Call.
2. Approved minutes of November 15, 2017 meeting with one correction: Jessica, not Jennifer, shared her experience as a student.
3. Michelle met with Brandon Mikulski regarding Akron Experience classes (notes attached) and found that some colleges are creating AE classes specific to their needs, while some AE classes are very general. Discussion points:
 - a. Students seem to do better in those AE classes geared to major-specific needs and learning communities.
 - b. By pairing faculty and/or contract professionals to co-teach these classes, students could be connected to and interact with faculty, staff, and other students early on and develop successful faculty/peer relationships. (Ideally, a faculty member and administrator/CP would be paired with two student peer mentors for a class of approximately 25 students.)
 - c. Establish model options which combine “introduction to” classes with AE classes that could be offered as an example to encourage buy-in as colleges develop their own classes.
 - d. Working with University Council and Advising Deans to overcome load issues that may be created for faculty.
 - e. Examine what other institutions are successfully offering to new freshmen.
4. Michelle will reach out to Advising Deans to gather data to show what is currently occurring in each college.

Next meeting: February 21, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. in SU 321

Respectfully submitted by Barb Caillet