

University Council Student Engagement and Success Committee

October 17, 2018

3:30 PM

Student Union 322

Minutes

In attendance: Barb Caillet, Katie Cerrone, Ravi Krovi, John Messina, Sadhan Jana, Carrie Short

Absent with notice: Jennifer Manista, Mary Schadle

1. Welcome/Roll Call - meeting called to order at 3:33 pm
2. Summary of presentation to UC & Faculty Senate joint meeting
 - a. Katie said the presentation was well-received. John was available to answer questions that arose – more about general info, not necessarily issues with the goals presented.
 - b. Suggestions received – better exit survey for students who leave (but how would we contact them if they disappear?), concern was raised about students dropping courses to enroll in ones offered by “easier” professors, students not having faculty contact (only TAs) for their first few years.
 - c. We can recommend that the First Year Experience team is revived. We can make it one of our goals. Can suggest that another team (like the Student Success Steering Team) is created. Issues – who will run it? Who should serve on this team (academic, administrative)?
 - i. Invite Choose Ohio First to a future meeting to learn more about Summer Bridge programs. Carrie will email Christina Rose with the date of our next meeting with an invite.
3. Approval of minutes from September meeting
4. Yay – 6; Nay – 0. Minutes approved. Carrie will provide to Kim for University Council.
5. Finalize Goals for 18-19
 - a. ITL series
 - i. Reviewed potential workshop idea – not necessarily teaching, but instructional support. Would need them to cut presentation from 90 minutes to 50. Katie will reach out.
 - ii. We were asked if grad students can attend – yes, so Michelle Byrne extended the invitation. 18 registered for first workshop that is occurring at this moment.
 - iii. Katie – we still need other departments represented to fill our last 2 commitments for the spring semester. John – should we ask OMD? Per Ravi – Unclass (not a class) – not a traditional class. The idea is that you can combine different disciplines and talk about unique topics (for example: pharmaceuticals – supply chain from a business perspective as well as the drug itself or land ethics – landscape of field properties and sciences, etc.). Intent is to increase critical thinking by combining topics. More details – EXL Center.
 - b. *Enrollment incentives--how to measure?*
 - i. *Work on getting faculty to engage with students for registration and enrollment.* John – Student Success Steering Team is working on getting info for students about registering for the spring semester. Info to deans and associate deans for sharing with faculty. Also in consideration – encouraging cross-enrollment, not just their own department’s classes. NOW report – students in departments who aren’t enrolled or attending classes (involves tracking down students, knocking on res hall doors, etc.).
 1. This committee talked about crafting an attendance policy. APC would need to make the policy, but this committee can make the strong recommendation. Measured by a successful recommendation to APC. Would not need to be restricted to first-level classes.

- ii. *Focus not just on registration, but registering for the right amount of credits to receive the Akron Guarantee Scholarship grade level increases.*
- iii. *Identify barriers and engage offices on campus.*
- iv. *Partner with the Student Success Steering Team to address these barriers.*
- c. *How does the timing of the billing due date affect student enrollment (some students enroll late to avoid the first fall billing due date which has an effect on the number of classes available, etc.)--how to measure?*
 - i. Examine the timeline process for billing and impact. Barb will ask Kevin Rushing to come and talk to us about it.
- d. Identify and recommend a first year experience team to help focus on the academic challenges of first year experience.
- 6. Student representatives – Kayla Bouchard is no longer serving. Kim is working with USG and GSG for student reps.
- 7. Next meeting – Katie will send a Doodle poll as the third Wednesday in November is the day before Thanksgiving. November 14th or 19th. Carrie will reach out to Choose Ohio First for November meeting; Barb will reach out to Kevin for the December 12th.

Minutes approved 11/26/18, yay votes

John – email

Katie – email

Jennifer – in person

Carrie – in person

Sadhan – no reply

Barb – in person

Ravi – no reply

Renee – email

Anwar – email

Mary – in person