

University Council Student Engagement and Success Committee

April 29, 2019

11:00 AM

Student Union 321

Minutes

Present: Anwar Sadek, Katie Cerrone, Renee Murry, Mary Schadle, Barb Caillet, Carrie Short, John Messina

Absent with notice: Huey-Li Li, Ravi Krovi, Sadhan Jana, Jennifer Manista

Absent without notice: None

1. Welcome/Roll Call
2. Approval of March meeting minutes
  - a. Approved by all in attendance
3. HIT Wednesday Speaker Series
  - a. Fall series well attended (10-15); spring series not well attended.
  - b. Do we want to continue? Katie talked to Janet – they will continue to support.
  - c. Barb – spoke to Holly Ferris about a session on social media, etc. that was conducted for administrative professionals' day. Good attendance. Would be willing to offer it as a HIT series in 2019-20. Needs to be tailored to teaching though for ITL to run it.
  - d. Katie -If we offer again, we should try to October, November, February, and March to avoid the busier start and end of each semester.
  - e. John - New Faculty Learning Community. Should we talk to ITL to repeat any of the HIT series for these new faculty members? Already presenting on student services (Help-a-Zip), student conduct.
  - f. For future reference – market the event to graduate students, directly to the New Faculty LC- in addition to in The Digest to attract a bigger audience
4. Next year's goals
  - a. John – Faculty Senate has proposed a senate resolution to for student success. John asked Katie to present to this group about what our committee is doing, our goals, etc. John said the Student Success Steering Team is gathering information to share with them. The Faculty Senate Committee will focus on student relationships, communication with students (customer service, student success). John advised Katie to contact Phil Allen to get onto this committee. This may end up being one of our goals next year - communicating with the new Faculty Senate committee
  - b. John – making a recommendation about an attendance policy still should be one of our goals
  - c. Katie – concern about the push by the University for larger class size.
  - d. John – data exists that shows a correlation between student employment and retention. Is this something we should look into? In John's department – they are starting to look at hiring students before they arrive in the fall, to help get students engaged earlier. They are considering starting the recruiting season during orientation sessions versus at Weekend of Welcome.
5. Other business
  - a. Katie - 2018-19 goals have been covered (yay!)
  - b. Discussion about faculty evaluations (by students) – concern about poor evaluations, response rates, etc. This is a concern because they are tied to merit, RTP, etc. Aimée deChambeau is chairing a committee to revise the student evaluation process.
  - c. Summer schedule – still meet monthly. 3 pm – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will set the schedule for the fall semester at the August meeting – nominations/elections will be held at our first meeting of the semester (September). Carrie will book the rooms in the Union and send meeting invites.
6. Meeting adjourned.