

University Council Student Engagement and Success Committee

May 22, 2019

2:00 PM

Student Union 318

Minutes

Present: Barb Caillet, Renee Murry, Carrie Short, Katie Cerrone, Jennifer Manista, Anwar Sadek

Absent with notice: Huey-Li Li, John Messina, Sadhan Jana, Ravi Krovi, Mary Schadle

1. Welcome/Roll Call
2. Approval of April meeting minutes – approved 6/0
3. Tiger Team update and discussion
 - a. Katie reported about the first meeting – reviewed persistence rates (sophomore to junior, junior to senior), 6-year graduation rate, retention (freshman to sophomore), etc. (2008-2012). The committee is planning to pull data from comparable schools (YSU, CSU, Wright State, etc.). Asked if there was anything we wanted to get on their agenda. Jennifer gave an example of flipped classes where videos are available ahead of time to help students relate to the material. Concern then becomes about in-class activities. Anwar added that some classes in Engineering are conducted in this format. (Katie asked if this could be a HIT series inclusion?)
 - b. Also brought up at the meeting was the purpose of the team –it was not to stop the reorganization but to address the goals laid out in the email from President Green.
 - c. Renee mentioned an issue at a prior institution – students will confirm, attend orientations, etc. at a number of schools because they can't decide. Barb – could we find out the number of students who attend orientation and actually enroll?
 - d. Katie said at the last meeting they received information about issues at Wayne State (low graduation rates, etc.) and how they were addressing these issues to improve retention and graduation.
4. HIT Wednesday Speaker Series update
 - a. Katie said we received one response for the fall series (Amber); would like to find at least one more for fall. Reviewed topics and attendance at last year's series. Hybrid transition – well attended but offered through Design & Development Series. Anwar is willing to check with his department for interested presenters; Katie to send email with details to help Anwar. Katie asked if there were any suggestions from non-academic side. Carrie said Financial Aid could present but there are so many options, would be nice to know what questions are so we could narrow it down. Jennifer suggested a course for faculty about how to design a course (since most faculty have backgrounds in their field of study, not necessarily education) – using outdated practices, quizzes, etc.
5. AY 2019-2020 committee goals