

College Success Core Team Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2017

Attended: Dr. Regina Organ, Dr. Dava Washburn, Carla Fanning, Dr. Debbie Smarr, Barbara Malone, Dr. Molly Harris, Dr. Kim Williams, and Cynthia Taylor (Support)

Absent: Dr. Keri Harvey, Leon Deutsch, and Dr. Jeremy McMillen

Approval of Minutes from May 30th Meeting: The minutes of June 14, 2017, were unanimously approved – a motion for approval was given by Dr. Williams and a second by Dr. Washburn.

Annual Reflections Update: Dr. Smarr indicated that we did not apply to be a Leader College, but shared a copy of the 2017 Annual Reflection & Leader College Application, which has the data that would have been used. Overall she was very pleased with the data and suggested that the college thinks about applying next year to be a Leader College.

ATD Interventions Showcase: Dr. Smarr stated that we must update our intervention showcase initiatives on the ATD website. She stated the previously submitted items were Stay for Pay, GRIT, Pathways, and Success Strategies Across the Curriculum. She suggested we close our Stay for Pay as we have used data to show we do not have a problem with this. GRIT has not been addressed and is currently part of the work of the advising redesign process, she recommends closing this item out and entering it when we have a plan in place through the advising redesign project. The success strategies across the curriculum have been developed, and three videos have been embedded in the Canvas course shells under available resources. As such, it is recommended that we close this item in the interventions showcase. Pathways work continues and will be updated, and our student success course and successful course completion work will be entered in the interventions showcase as they have both shown excellent data and efficacy since inception.

Counseling and Advising Taskforce Update: Barbara gave an update on the Counseling and Advising Taskforce, which is due to the President by July 15th. Barbara shared the top recommendations for Connect, Commit, and Complete. The task force would like to maintain the group and add Wade Graves from the workforce.

Connect:

1. Welcome Desk including an intake screening of student records.
2. Assigned advisors by Pathway allowing appointments, case management, and CAEL training for academic advisors.
3. Revise, digest, simplify College 101. (Assign a Task Force to revise College Orientation)

Commit:

1. Votes were split evenly for implementing the electronic advising platform, Starfish and adopt an electronic advising system.
2. Adopt a team advising process.

Complete:

1. Develop and implement a notification to students and the advising team for exit advising when the student reaches a percentage of completing their certificate or degree plan.
2. Hire an academic advisor dedicated to advising student planning to transfer to the University. This advisor would also be responsible for articulation agreements.
3. Implement a more defined graduation process by a policy requiring a final degree check before graduation.

Other:

- Next College Success Core Team Meeting, Wednesday, August 9th

Future Item:

1. Grit: Do we need a task force?