

## Student Engagement Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 3:00pm -4:00pm in Room E132 and Room B109

**Present:** Beth Danberry, Romero Alvarez, John Engquist, Candy Laven, Susan Mucha, Elizabeth Prange, Lisa Schickling, Heidi Wyn and Dr. Tarnowski.

**Not Present:** Jeanne Meidlinger, Marilyn Weber, Ben Braswell, Nicole Hamilton, Dr. Kimberly Roan, Juanita Schueler

### **AGENDA**

Beth Danberry provided the committee with the CCCSE attachment entitled *A Matter of Degrees: Promising Practices for Community College Student Success – A First Look*; Noel-Levitz's Report entitled *2013 Student Retention and College Completion Practices Report for Four-Year and Two-Year Institutions*; and the *South Central College 2013-14 Strategic Plan Goals & Strategies* for the committee review.

The Mission and Purpose statements of the committee were reviewed:

**Student Engagement Committee Mission:** to support students at SCC by creating a student focused environment that enables faculty and staff to provide opportunities for successful completion of academic and professional career options goals.

#### **Purpose:**

- Educate the college community on student engagement best practices
- Create and offer initiatives that support student engagement and success
- Provide resources and support for academic success to students, faculty and staff

Romero Alvarez discussed the role of the Student Engagement Committee and suggested that the SEC function as a sort of clearing house of information for all student engagement-type work at SCC. This would elevate duplication of work and services.

John Engquist suggested the use of a timeline or operational calendar to help schedule events and processes for the entire college. He currently uses an operational calendar for his department and will share it with the group for consideration. In addition, SCC is working to purchase Right Now software to help students get information and answers to commonly asked questions. This software should reduce the number of incoming calls and walk-in traffic at the Student Affairs Center.

Dr. Tarnowski talked about the Ask Anyone Campaign and said the Marketing Department is helping to give the campaign a fresh look and has suggested the slogan "Ask Us". There was discussion about how to involve staff, faculty and other departments in the Ask Us campaign. Lisa Schickling suggested sending an email to staff and faculty to find out ways in which staff and faculty are engaging students.

Student Engagement Plan Follow-up – Lisa Schickling discussed the 2012-2015 Student Engagement Plan and said that this is the last year of the three-year plan. The committee talked about the continuation of the current Plan and further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Faribault B109, North Mankato E132