

## September 21, 2015 Minutes

Present: Marilyn Weber, Lisa Schickling, Lisa Kinowski, Candy Laven, Elaine Hardwick, Anthony Riesberg, Susan Tarnowski, Susan Mucha, Elizabeth Prange, Nicole Hamilton, Mohamed Youssuf (Student Senate President), Jerson Castro J.C. (Student Senate Vice-President, Student Life Committee Chair), Brett Underdahl (Student Senate Treasurer)

Dr. Tarnowski welcomed members and thanked everybody for coming. Special thanks to the three students from Student Senate that attended. The focus for this year is to be more intentional about helping students be successful.

### 1. Membership

#### a. Faculty

- i. Faculty members are needed on the committee. Some suggestions were to contact Jay W about needing faculty representation on the committee, reaching out to faculty that are also advisors for student clubs, talking with Deans and Department Chairs, College Readiness Instructors, possible ABE in the future.

#### b. Research & Planning

- i. Include a member from R & P to ensure that we are using data. Perhaps invite Peter to attend a meeting to breakdown the data to find out what we need to know.

#### c. Students

- i. Students need to be a part of the process as well. We need to work with students to make sure we are meeting their needs. Student Senate members will continue to participate when possible.

#### d. Chair

- i. Susan Mucha will chair the committee for this year.

### 2. Approach

#### a. Data Driven

- i. Review institutional data, best practice research articles. Perhaps create a website to share retention articles and research. Electronic seems to be the best way to share information.

#### b. Student Input

- i. Student needs should be the foundation of initiatives.
- ii. Use focus groups to work with students. Review the survey that students just took to help create themes for these groups.
- iii. What do students tell us? What keeps you here? What are you motivated by?
- iv. Student Senate members with discuss ideas within their groups as well and bring these back to the committee.

### 3. Ideas

#### a. Communication Systems

- i. What is the best way to get information to students? They are not reading their email. Perhaps text messages? A group is already looking at implementing Ooh la la (<https://oohlalamobile.com/>) and they will be meeting on 9/28/15.

#### b. Student Success Plan

- i. Meets individual student needs.
- ii. Focuses on goal planning at the beginning of college career.

- iii. Committee should review the information gathered at the AQIP 2 day retreat where discussion of Individual Student Success Plans were discussed.
- iv. Review TRiO student success strategies.
- v. GPS LifePlan could potentially be used. The program is currently in the process of creating a mobile friendly interface which will allow for students to complete assessment online and save their results.
- c. Co-Curricular Transcripts
  - i. Participation and achievements outside of the classroom are listed on transcripts.
  - ii. Org Synch (Metro State)
- d. Employer and Alumni Panels
  - i. What are you looking for when you hire employees? What skills?
  - ii. How did your time at SCC prepare you for your career? Share advice.
- e. Increase School Spirit/Pride
- 4. Main Focus for 2015-16
  - a. Create a 1 year plan that is intentional, focuses on what students tell us, keeps students engaged, and helps with earlier career planning and placement.
  - b. Start implementing initiatives while continuing to work on plan.
  - c. Review initiatives that were gathered last year.

**Next meeting:** Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

Items for next meeting:

1. Student Success Plan created for TRiO grant – Lisa Schickling
2. Co-Curricular Transcript Program – Nicole Hamilton
3. Ideas from Student Senate – Student Senate Members
4. Ideas from AQIP 2 day retreat – Dr. Tarnowski
5. High Impact Practices – Dr. Tarnowski
6. Institutional Core Competencies
7. Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)
8. Student Engagement Plan