

Minutes

Student Success Team Executive Committee

Friday, February 5th, 2010

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Present: Sarah Hansen, Lin Larson, Bill Nelson, Von Stange, David Grady, Susie Lagos-Lavenz, Nancy Humbles, Elizabeth Whitt, Helen Jameson, Kathy Hall, Nicole Nisly

- 1. Updates**
Work Groups: IOWA Challenge Years 2-5; IOWA Challenge – Transfers, Common Reading Program

A project update handout is attached.

- 2. Update, Discussion and Decision: SST/MFT Merger Follow-Up**

 - Sarah shared wording suggestions from the SST list. The group discussed the suggestions and adopted a couple. We opted to stick with the word “inclusive” rather than switching to “multicultural” as the consensus was that inclusive better described our intentions.
 - Website revision will continue this semester.

Lin will prepare the final version of revised mission/vision.

- 3. Discussion and approval of plan: Multicultural Competence Pilot within SST**
Sarah provided update on Sherry Watt’s recommendations for piloting multicultural competence framework within SST. The purpose is two-fold:

 - 1) To support multicultural competence among SST members
 - 2) To pilot potential frameworks that might inform the discussion on a multicultural competence certificate or required training for faculty/staff.

Nicole Nisly joined the group as the Interim Chief Diversity Officer and shared information from the recently submitted report of the Strategic Initiative Task Force on Internationalization and Diversity. One of their recommendations is multicultural competency training for all faculty/staff.

A brief summary is attached. Due to scheduling issues and the desire to have as much input in this process as possible, Sherry Watt will facilitate two one-hour meetings in April – SST members can attend one or the other as they will cover the same information. SSTX members currently have 4/22, 11-12:30 on your calendars. The other option will be 4/29, 11-12.

- 4. Discussion: Report from SST Committee on Centralization of Institutional Research and Assessment**
(Chair: Elizabeth Whitt)

Elizabeth gave an overview and summary of the Committee’s recommendations. SSTX accepted the report and thanked the committee for its work. A good discussion included the fact that the creation of a IR/Assessment office was recommended by most of the Strategic Initiative Task Forces. We will work to get the report in the hands of the Chairs of those groups. In addition, Nicole noted that there will likely be some developmental monies available to forward some of the strategic priorities.

The report is now available on the SST website.

5. **Upcoming Meetings and Other Updates:**

1. Large Group Meeting, 2/26, 10-11:30 am, 106 Gilmore Hall: ***“Early Intervention at Iowa: What are we doing? Are we doing enough?”***
 2. David Grady shared briefly about a pilot program called Critical M.A.S.S. (Mentoring and Support for Students). This program will match students on non-academic probation (due to alcohol violations) with a staff/faculty mentor who will meet with them briefly over a period of time. At this point, the program is in the developmental stages. Members of the SSTX had positive comments about the approach.
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