

Minutes

Student Success Team Executive Committee

Friday, March 12, 2010,

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B5JH

1. Updates:

A project update handout was shared. It is attached to the minutes.

2. Update, Discussion and Decision: SST Work Group Reports

The Executive Committee's feedback is solicited on the Work Group reports for:

- Extending The IOWA Challenge: Years 2-5
- Extending The IOWA Challenge: Transfer students
- Common Reading Program

Discussion:

The SSTX discussed the reports. Kathy Hall, as convener of the Common Reading Program Work Group, shared a summary of their process and recommendations.

The workgroup concluded that the single best method for achieving the aims of a Common Reading program involved comprehensive involvement by the entire campus. A comprehensive program would require a dedicated planning committee and a Program Assistant.

Although a Common Reading program is seen as valuable, current resources constraints prevent implementation of a comprehensive program. Since alternative (less expensive) structures were viewed as undesirable in meeting the aims of the program, the executive committee decided that we should not proceed at this time.

The IOWA Challenge Reports were also discussed. The recommendation by the transfer work group to include transfers in Convocation is not workable, given the substantial messaging toward first year, first time students. However, the SSTX felt that consideration should be given to a transfer welcome event. The Challenge Work Group reports will be referred to the Implementation Committee for further discussion of priorities.

Sarah and Beth will generate responses for each Work Group convener, so that they know their reports were discussed, and any actions taken or recommended.

3. Discussion: Pick One Assessment Data

Sarah shared an overview of assessment data for Pick One. The slides will be sent to SSTX members.

Discussion:

Beth noted that it seems clear that students are hearing the message that some type of early involvement is an institutional expectation. She suggested that the Pick One Steering Committee not be too overly focused on getting every student to register their Pick on the site, but rather on continuing to make sure students hear repeated messages about involvement as "what we do here."

The discussion also included suggestions for more involvement on the Steering Committee from OISS and perhaps CDE. The committee was pleased that so many of the tracking organizations had actually reached out – this invitation can be very important in decreasing barriers to student involvement.

4. **Discussion:**
Large Group meeting
The feedback on the Large Group meeting was very positive.

5. **Next meeting:**
SSTX: April 5th, 3:30-4:30 pm, B5JH

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Sarah Hansen, SST Coordinator