

Minutes

Student Success Team Executive Committee

Tuesday, September 1st, 2009, 2-3 pm

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Present: Elizabeth Whitt, Beth Ingram, Sarah Hansen, Von Stange, Bill Nelson, Nancy Humbles, Helen Jameson, Von Moeller, David Grady, Susie Lagos-Lavenz, Kathryn Hall, Lin Larson, Marcella David, Emil Rinderspacher

Item	Discussion/Decision
<p>1. Background/Context Setting: Discussion of the goals of SST, our progress to date, and the role of the SST Executive Committee.</p>	<p>The group did introductions and welcomed new members, including Helen Jameson, Office of International Students and Scholars, attending her first SSTX meeting. Sarah provided background information regarding SST and Student Success Initiatives. Our overarching goal is to improve undergraduate student success. In addition, SST is a good example of cross-discipline collaboration between academic affairs and student affairs. Returning SST Executive Committee members noted that some challenges as SST has grown (225 members) remain keeping dialogue open, making the SST seem intimate so that people can make the connections they desire, and continuing to involve students in meaningful ways.</p>
<p>2. Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convocation• Pick One• The IOWA Challenge• SST Large Group meeting, 9/22	<p>Sarah provided a written update covering these topics. Convocation was highlighted as a particular success with regard to collaboration. We will be doing a follow-up survey with faculty/staff who participated.</p> <p>The Pick One program deadline is October 1st. A mass email will go out this week, a press release as well, and a DI story should be forthcoming (keep your fingers crossed on that one!).</p> <p>The topic for the upcoming large group meeting is Motivational Interviewing – this is a follow up to the lively conversation on the SST listserv. Tanya Villhauer, Associate Director of SHS, and Ken Brown, Associate Professor, TCOB will co-present.</p>

<p>3. Early Intervention Report Discussion and decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To whom should we circulate the report? Are there others who should be involved in this discussion? 	<p>The group discussed the report, which will be placed on the SST website. We have asked the group to continue meeting to flesh out the response/trigger framework in more detail. Emil noted that gathering better information on why students leave is a great starting point – the committee noted a desire to structure a formal exit interview process in their report. The report has been shared with the Strategic Initiative Task Force on Undergraduate Education.</p>
<p>4. Strategic Task Force on Undergraduate Education Discussion and decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does the SSTEx want to interact with this committee? 	<p>The group decided it would be helpful to ask David Gier, Task Force Chair to visit one of our future SSTX meetings. Beth noted that much of the information the Task Force has used so far has come from SST – a nice sign of the work we've done up to this point.</p>
<p>5. One Community, One Book Proposal Discussion and decision on funding request</p>	<p>Discussion held. While the Committee sees value in a community reading program, this proposal does not meet our current objectives at this time. General agreement that adding a discussion to a future agenda about a campus reading program would be useful.</p>
<p>6. Draft Assessment Plans for Convocation and Pick One Provide feedback; decision to move ahead</p>	<p>The committee approved the plans. David Grady noted that the 65% program goal for Pick One should be decoupled with our desired outcome that this is an expectation for all students. Marcella suggested that a question related to student view of the value of student-faculty interaction should be added, in order to provide evidence for future efforts to involve faculty. Bill suggested that a couple of general questions about Welcome Week (since these events included Convocation, references to Pick One, etc.) would be useful. Sarah will follow up.</p>
<p>7. Next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SST Large Group Meeting, 9/22, 2-3:30 pm, W401 PBB Webinar: Creating Faculty Buy-In for the First Year Experience, 9/29, 12-1, W401 PBB SST Executive Committee, 10/1, 3-4, B5 JH SST Retreat, 10/30, time TBD, Black Box Theatre, IMU 	