

## Student Success Team Executive Committee MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 TIME: 3-4:30 pm  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Ingram, Elizabeth Whitt, Sarah Hansen, Bill Nelson, Marcella David, David Grady, Helena Dettmer, Von Stange  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: Maison Blear, Rachel Williams, Emil Rinderspacher

ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<b>Agenda for Large Group SST Meeting</b>	Helen Jameson and Scott King: Supporting International Undergraduate Student Success at Iowa; The Iowa Challenge	
<b>Action Committee updates</b>	<p>Closed out: Traditions and Early Intervention:  <u>Traditions:</u> Recommendations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Poster of 18/47 things to do at Iowa (IMU Marketing is working on this)</li> <li>o Class t-shirts: combining with Orientation program to reach all incoming students</li> <li>o Convocation (to be discussed later in agenda)</li> </ul> <p><u>Communicating the Importance of Student Success</u> (merging): This committee is merging into The Iowa Challenge committee  <u>The Iowa Challenge:</u> Emil and Lin Larson spearheaded the effort to create acceptable use guidelines, a short version of The Iowa Challenge, and a preamble. These will be turned over to the committee (chaired by Tom Rocklin). This group will work to delineate communication strategies for 'teaching' the message to students, faculty, and staff. Tom sent a note out to students, faculty and staff with information about the Iowa Challenge asking for their feedback. 63 comments were received; a number of individuals also expressed interest in assisting with the effort.  <u>Student Academic Engagement:</u> Brian Corkery is chairing this; Norb Pienta was co-chair but he has asked to be relieved of this duty. Brian was going to move ahead while we looked at other options for co-chairs.  <u>Assessment/Institutional Research:</u> Elizabeth Whitt is chairing. Currently conducting internal and external scans.  <u>Pick One:</u> Bill Nelson shared an update of the types of activities chosen; Plan is to continue Pick One for 2009-10, but we are also waiting on the assessment component of this project.</p>	
<b>Other SST Activities</b>	<p>Sarah provided updates on additional SST activities, including:  <u>Book Clubs:</u> 4-5 Book Clubs (readings for this year: 1) My Freshman Year; 2) Generation Me, 3) A Hope in the Unseen, and 4) Kuh monograph  <u>SST Ambassadors:</u> Group of 11 piloting concepts in their departments. Focus is on disseminating best practice, information, and research on student success.  <u>Brown Bags:</u> First held in December (Binge drinking); 10 attendees.</p>	

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<p><b>Early Intervention Task Force</b></p>	<p>This committee closed out last semester and provided their final report. We need to think about next steps for this area. The group made short and long-term recommendations (included on pages 2-3 of this document) . Based on our review of the report, a charge could be: Create a set of strategies and corresponding implementation steps to identify students experiencing academic or other difficulties and connect those students with the appropriate support services.</p> <p>Discussion: Beth suggested we consider a key point first: Do we want to charge a committee with identifying at risk students at entry or are we interested in doing more to identify students who start to experience difficulty (once they are here – no matter what their previous ‘risk profile’ might have been) and connect them with resources. Helena noted that there is an emphasis within the general education program on the importance of early feedback to students. Von gave some information on the MAPWorks project; still being assessed. He stated that ISU does have a predictive model that they use to identify students. General consensus was that the committee favored an approach of working with those students we already have; increasing faculty awareness of signals and strategies.</p>	<p>Sarah and Liz will follow up with getting a committee underway</p>
<p><b>George Kuh Visit</b></p>	<p>George Kuh will be here April 22-23. Discussion on how SST might use his time. Suggestions included: Having him speak to the aspects of The Iowa Challenge Connecting him with the Dean of the Law School/law faculty Including library staff</p>	
<p><b>Priorities for SST this year</b></p>	<p>Discussion of additional priorities for SST this year. Beth noted that Living-Learning Communities and Assessment will be priorities. Plan for LLC is to create a framework to involve ½ of first year students in communities by 2011. Suggestion about “Camp Herky” or extended orientation/welcome week.</p>	
<p><b>Convocation</b></p>	<p>Having a convocation was a recommendation of the Traditions committee and may also be a recommendation of the First Year Experience Task Force. We propose having this as a SST Committee. Kelley Ashby has agreed to co-chair with a faculty member.</p> <p>Beth asked Helena about getting faculty support and participation. Helena suggested John Peters might be a good speaker for this event. All suggested getting information out to colleges early.</p>	
<p><b>RISE II</b></p>	<p>Liz provided an update on the plan for a second RISE survey, scheduled for the beginning of April. They will include One Community, One Book and Pick One.</p>	<p>Liz will send the survey instrument in case SSTX members have additional questions or suggestions.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>Helena noted that it may be more difficult to get faculty participation on committees due to budget constraints; faculty will be asked to teach more and enrollment caps may be raised as well.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,



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