

Student Success Team Executive Committee MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 2008
 TIME: 1-2 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Rocklin, Elizabeth Whitt, Sarah Hansen, Bill Nelson, David Grady, Nancy Humbles, Marcella David, Emil Rinderspacher, Beth Ingram, Helena Dettmer, Emily Grieves (for Maison Blead)
 MEMBERS ABSENT: Maison Blead, Von Stange, Carlette Washington-Hoagland

ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
Introductions	New members were introduced. Rachel Williams, who was unable to attend, will join us as a faculty representative through Faculty Senate.	
Updates	<p>Pick One: Site is live; email to students will go out week of September 15th. General agreement that first year students seem familiar with Pick One concept and objective.</p> <p>One Community, One Book: Rhetoric curriculum is somewhat behind but moving forward. All first year students got the book; not as clear that students know about the objectives of OCOB but Rhetoric curriculum infusion should help with this. Author visit is 10/29 at the First United Methodist Church on Jefferson and Dubuque.</p> <p>Event at President's Residence: Went very well; 3000-3500 in attendance, mainly first year students. Class t-shirts distributed along with key tags with Fight Song/On Iowa words</p> <p>The Message Project (The Iowa Challenge): next steps will be teaching "the message" to students and to faculty/staff. Consensus is to invite the two committees who worked on the Message to this point to join the next committee iterations. Would also like to specifically invite individuals. UISG is doing some parallel programming around expectations and respect.</p> <p>Membership suggestions included: Dave Collins (also AMA students) Rex Honey UISG (Bryce) Jean Florman Nancy Abram/Bret Gothe Nancy Hauserman David Gier EPC members</p>	Send Message committee member suggestions to Sarah Hansen.
Next SST meeting	Two best dates are 11/21 or 12/5. Topic suggestion: Student Success at Iowa and elsewhere	We will finalize date in next few days. Email other topic ideas to Sarah Hansen.
SST Retreat Output	<p>Discussed main themes and recommendations from the six discussion groups at the Retreat. Priorities suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralizing research resources: Is this a priority for Iowa? It has come up multiple times and, although it would require \$\$, we may be spending a large amount of money in our separate departments without realizing the total sum. Should we take resources from around the institution to centralize? Bill Nelson mentioned this was a top issue of discussion within the Assessment work group. • Expansion of Pick One to all students (and potentially faculty/staff) • Providing more places to meet and mingle to encourage 	

	<p>students/faculty/staff interaction. Space planning standards could be incorporated; some areas could be fairly easily retrofitted. This could also include looking at spaces downtown that are/could be non-alcoholic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Engagement Task Force: Could include teaching faculty the message, faculty expectations, Friday classes. Discussion held that many misunderstand the Friday classes incentive as being paid to faculty rather than supplementing small departmental budgets. • Diversity: What is the role of Moving Forward Together vs. the Diversity recommendations within SST? Discussion held regarding options to 'fold in together' or 'bolt on side'. A MFT group will be addressing cultural competency. Decision: Put aside Diversity recommendations from SST until Spring. Should include a MFT update at SST meeting. • Wellness: Master calendar is ready to roll out but should look at addressing bureaucracy. David Grady mentioned that he has asked Bill Nelson to look at bureaucracy for permissions and make recommendations for change. Bureaucracy for approvals and use of space for student activities has come up in multiple discussions, including the recommendations of the Barriers committee. • Improving academic standards for students • Non-alcohol centered social activities: Great Nights at Iowa is conceived but not yet activated. Look at space (House of Aromas) and student suggestions. • Communication with students: looking at websites and improving to make more student-oriented. • Marcella David asked about status of 2007-08 committees and how many we may wish to charge this year? Thought was perhaps half of those brainstormed. 	
<p>Post-Retreat Evaluation and Survey</p>	<p>We will be sending out a survey to get retreat feedback and also to ask about how individuals would like to be involved over the next year (including committee work, book discussion groups, speaking at SST meetings, serving as SST ambassadors within departments, etc.)</p>	

Respectfully submitted,



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