

Student Engagement Committee Meeting: September 28, 2009

Those in attendance:

Student Involvement: Tiffany Evans, Lynne Singleton, Stephanie Baldwin, Lisa Vaughn

Retention & First Year Experience: Noel Call, Aaron Anderson

University Advising & Transfer Services: Lisa Hancock

Housing & Residence Life: Whitney Milligan

Student Health & Wellness Center: Ryan Barfuss

Public Relations Marketing: Sarah Reale

First Year Experience & Retention Office name change and adjustments

- Noel Call discussed their office's name change to Retention & Success (up through graduation). Their office has broadened and first year is too narrow.
- Office was using a committee of up to 40 individuals which was too large for action and to take on projects. They just gathered information.
- Divided the office into an Executive Committee and four subcommittees. This model is more action oriented. Each committee will develop goals and report the first of December where they are going for the rest of the year. The minutes will go on the website.

Committee Charge

- Networking collaboration between each organization
- Sharing of resources / mutual support
- More creativity; other view points
- Strategic plan for first 6 weeks of school
- Continued engagement after first few weeks of school
- Need to find and bridge the gaps that exist in students getting engaged
 - 68%-70% of students attend Connections. What about other students?
 - Need to be aware of the perception that exists to help overcome the gap
- Need to get faculty awareness and get them more engaged
- Need personal contact – one-on-one student time
- Non-traditional students are underrepresented; there is now a Veteran's Affairs office that is part of the Women's Center
- Married students in general are underrepresented.
 - Service Learning is working on a program for students who help their children in elementary schools.
 - Need to work on friendly policies for married students
 - Need to develop a policy for "Little Aggies", children of married students
 - Cost is a factor - Need to advertise the spouse card so they can become more engaged
 - Need to help them feel more comfortable
- Create cultural shift with faculty members
 - Talk to Michelle Larson in Provost's office.
 - Coordination of Dean's lecture series
- EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING!

Action Item: Coordination Goal

1. Make an event promotion/programming guide.
 - A. First need to make students aware of an event and the best way to keep them informed.
 - B. Need to be in touch
 - C. Analyze data
 - D. Link with provost's office
 - E. Sarah, Stephanie, Ryan and Lisa will meet
 - F. RHA and ASUSU need to more closely coordinate with each other
2. Explore how to roll out a more central, collaborative year calendar and identify events we can be more intentional at working together.
 - A. Use a clearing house model that goes to one place.
 - B. Identify ways to communicate such as weekly requests for information for calendar.
 - C. All of us will be more successful
 - D. Good Way to look at gaps
 - E. Will create a better caring and engaged committee
 - F. Opportunity to enhance campus culture
3. Research what is out there and what other schools are doing. Look at student engagement.

Next Meetings

- October 26, 2009, @ 9:00 a.m.
- November 16, 2009, @ 9:00 a.m.