

Student Success Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Attendees: Rodney Carr, Bob Smith, Alicia Roberson, Chere Peguesse, Doug Tanner, Gerald Williams, Jennifer Grubbs, Kate Warner, Keisha Roberts, Michael Schmidt, Sheri Gravett, Sheri Noviello, Stanley Jones, Vince Miller, Brian Haugabrook, Tee Mitchell, Vince Miller, Lee Grimes, Sha' Wilfred, Keith Warburg

Recorder: Sheri Noviello

Topic	Discussion	Outcome	Responsibility
Minutes from 10/4	No discussion on these minutes.	Minutes stand approved as distributed via affirmation.	
New Vision Statement and Goals	<p>VSU Vision Statement: VSU will be a catalyst for regional comprehensive progress. Goal #1: VSU will increase retention, progression, and graduation rates through creating a campus culture focused on individual student success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chere Peguesse: 24-hour online tutoring services (Upswing and Thinking Storm are being considered); Chere will be glad to provide a demonstration. She is looking for a platform that will work across advising. Thinking Storm is approximately \$23,000/annually and Upswing is double that cost. If 10% of the students will engage in this online tutoring service, then it will be worth the cost. This would meet the SACSCOC		

	<p>requirements of providing similar services for face-to-face students and online students. These platforms will also provide data analytics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have conversations with individuals in various demographic groups to help identify retention issues; Barrie could help to identify various demographic groups. Some of the demographic data could also be pulled from the Gardner Institute (national data). This qualitative data should be ongoing. We could set specific goals for each of these groups to see if we are progressing. Have someone doing evaluations/surveys with iPads to get the information that we need. The “friendly visitors” concept could be a piece of this. The Gardner Institute also has a survey that we can use.• QEP?• Student Success Portal: the portal has been updated, but the communication is still the same from 2012; faculty should reach out to the student first and will also be able to develop plans for the student; the instructor initiates the process and is able to pull in other entities when that faculty member has done all they know to do or need support.• Student Success Teams		
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	<p>Goal #2: VSU will increase student participation in expanded transformational and experiential opportunities through implementing high impact and best practices focused on evolving student needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we have a collective list of what our HIPs are at VSU? This would be a start. Then identify students who are not exposed to at least one HIP and then target them to a HIP. Develop a university way to track the HIPs (inside and outside of the classroom) that are active on campus. The Gardner Institute likely has data/information to help move this forward. • Students need to have a sense of ownership. The students need to feel that they are making a difference and are connected to the community/region. • Carnegie Engaged Classification: opens every 5 years; Co-curricular transcripts would be helpful to track service. • From a communication standpoint, highlight current students' experiences with HIPs and share those with other current and prospective students as a recruiting tool. Community members also need to know what we are doing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Affairs is already working on implementing co-curricular transcripts. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate Research Symposium: this could be the place where all of these ideas are holistically connected; how can students be connected with other students and with faculty to push undergraduate research to a new level; how do we connect research in one area to connect with research in another area? • QEP? 		
	<p>Goal #3: VSU will increase community and regional impact through leading development in and serving as a resource for industry, health care, arts, education, athletics, and other changing economic regional needs that support the growth of South Georgia and the communities our students will serve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEAM Center: a great entry point for faculty and students • QEP? • Automated communication to track student engagement • 		
Planner	<p>Brian Haugabrook provided an overview of Planner as a platform to organize and collaborate on the SSC Laundry List. He turned off the email notifications in Planner so that everyone doesn't get bombarded with emails.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you need to email the SSC, please use the SSC distribution list in the regular email system.

Next steps		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies under each of the goals should be developed as SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-based) strategies so that we know when success is achieved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit SMART strategies to Rodney Carr by November 3rd and he will compile these strategies for the next University Council Plus meeting
Next meeting		The tentative date for the next meeting is November 8 th at 1:00.	Rodney Carr will send out a calendar invite