

Student Success Committee

Formerly Achieving the Dream Meeting

October 20, 2016 | SSC1006 3:15 – 4:15 pm

Attendees: Roger Davis, Jessica Diehl, Dana Donati, Maryanne Frabotta, Brian Hayden, Sara Jane Hill, Gloria Jacobs, Beth Jansto, Jan Kaminski, Liz Marshall, Sandy Melnikof, Shelly Moore, Don Sedlacek, Fran Sifers, Kelly Staschak, Lauren Susan, Leslie Tennant, Katie Thomas

The meeting was chaired by Roger Davis

Roger explained the change in name from Achieving the Dream to Student Success as the full AtD core and data teams now fall under the mantle of CCBC's Institutional Effectiveness Council. He also introduced the three initiative areas that we'll be working on this year; Developmental Education, First Year Experience, and New Student Orientation.

Developmental Education (Methodology, Strategy, Measure, Standard)

This group with representation from our preparatory Writing, Reading, and Math faculty as well as the COLL 100 and 101 facilitators, has been meeting throughout the fall semester and will report out at our next meeting regarding their objectives, plans, and progress.

Some of the topics they're working on include: how do we measure success; are our students college-ready; and Accuplacer scoring as a placement indicator.

First Year Experience

This group will begin meeting in the spring semester, to ensure a continuity of experience for our first year students and timely introduction/emphasis of particular elements of the college cycle. The focus will include; Alignment with College Initiatives, a Uniform Project, and the potential for Learning Communities.

Our Titan Transition and College Success Students are working on the first iteration of the Uniform Project and our two current High School Academy programs are piloting a variation of that project as well. The academies are incorporating open house demonstrations for students to highlight what they're learning:

Shelly spoke about the Health Academy Open House on November 18th, where students will demonstrate taking blood pressure readings. And Dana mentioned that the Aviation academy will host parents to show what their students are learning and to give everyone a chance to see the new flight simulator.

New Student Orientation

Jan has been meeting with the Logistics Working Group, who will be involved in both commencement and orientation to ensure the events run smoothly. This group includes members of the campus community from facilities, student life, academic affairs, and marketing departments. There is also a steering council including President Reber that will make the final determinations as to program outcomes and experience from our group's suggestions.

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Purpose/Goal

Set idea ... What is the goal of orientation? The purpose and outcomes needs to be defined.
Students' wants/needs (Traditional, Non-traditional, HSA)

Parents with students in the High School Academies need to get involved. Students need to experience college life.

General Orientation/Individual School Model

Brainstorming:

- Separate the individual schools for orientation & include a 'Discovery/Exploration' space for undecided students
 - Lauren is thinking about ways to divide BAST into manageable room sized groups
- Selfie Scavenger Hunt to get students engaged on the tour
- Have a tradition: "Matriculation Moment"/Touchstone/Rite of Passage as a way of getting students invested in their completion (Pitt's Lantern Night & panther statue examples)
- Need banners, seal, mascot, motto?
- Perhaps there's a banner that says Titans – established 2017 that the attending students sign that's hung in the Café throughout the year
- Need a plan to help students with technology (Log in, etc.) Where?
- Schedule faculty advisors time to meet with their advisees OR have advisors introduce themselves in the information rooms, so that students have a face to go with the name
- Use PTK and SGA volunteers: provide a (B&N) giftcard as incentive for student volunteers
- Inform students and parents the availability of services, security, safety, etc
- Separate students from their parents from the start
- Put student in "theater" style; have parents at tables
- Provide FERPA information to parents/supporters

Jan and the working group have requested recommendations for NSO by December to ensure they have time to gain approval from the steering council and implement.

Next meeting will be Thursday, ~~November 17th~~ January 19th from 3:15 – 4:15 PM in SSC1006.