

University Committee on the Student Learning Experience

Meeting Notes – April 18, 2018

Committee Members Present: M. McCarthy, S. Crahen, C. DeMarchi, M. Farrar, K. Feely, R. Hessinger, D. La Barge, S. Love, A. Miciak, M. Moroney, P. Mullane, E. Peck, D. Shutkin, A Wainwright, and T. Bruce (guest)

1. The notes from the March 21, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes
2. Devin La Barge was introduced and welcomed as our new student representative. Devin is a junior majoring in Biology and Exercise Science and currently serves as an RA.
3. The focus of the meeting was a review of the Retention, Persistence and Completion Working Group presentation for the April 25th Community Meeting. Feedback was offered to provide clarification regarding several of the slides. Overall, the work of the group to conduct a deep dive into the data for the last six entering cohorts will help to define retention risk factors and focus interventions for future implementation. The Working Group plans to continue working through the summer on next steps.
4. The Experiential Learning Working Group is almost done surveying the co-curricular departments and programs regarding the various types of experiential learning being offered across campus. This summer both sets of data (academic and co-curricular areas) will be analyzed and categorized in the form of a report to UCSLE.
5. Ed Peck shared the most recent draft of the Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence as well as a list of suggested tactics. Discussion of the draft centered around how best to prioritize the goals, objectives and tactics, recognizing that we need to target our collective energy and resources in areas where we have the best chance of success. The objective under Goal 1 to re-establish, restructure and resource an office to provide leadership on all matters relating to equity, inclusiveness, diversity, equal access etc. also was discussed and various concerns and possibilities were voiced. Members of the UCSLE recommended that input of faculty, staff and others should be sought regarding how best to provide institutional leadership, coordination, and structure regarding the plan. This will also need further consideration by the new President Michael Johnson and the Senior Leadership Team. The strategic plan will be shared with the Board of Directors at their May meeting and then more broadly with the university community in the fall.
6. Mission Integration Committee – the theme of LEADERSHIP for campus wide programming during the 2018-19 academic year will be announced after the UCSLE meeting and an initial meeting of departments that provide programming will be held after the Community Forum ON April 2th.
7. Ed also reported that the Ignatian Reflection Model has been piloted and refined through its use by various departments and programs and feedback on the model will be shared at our next UCSLE meeting.
8. The last meeting of the UCSLE will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd from 8:30 – 10:00 AM in the Faculty Lounge.

Respectfully submitted by,

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