

Wayne State University
Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee
February 27, 2013

Present: Cheryl Dove, Moira Fracassa Avril Genene Holt, Michael Horn, James Martin, Victoria Pardo, Brad Roth, Naida Simon, Ellen Tisdale, Ardiana Vuljay, James Woodyard, Lee Wurm

Absent With Notice: Veronica Bielat, Chardin Claybourne, Barbara Jones, Michele Ronnick, Madhu Sanan-Venkata, David Strauss, Mary Width, Nancy Wilmes

Absent Without Notice: Basim Asmar, Judith Fouladbakhsh, Liza Lagman-Sperl

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm. The Minutes of the January 16th meeting were unanimously approved.

The topic for today was the APEX Summer Bridge Program and the speakers were Dr. Dawn Dolly and Audrey Whitfield. Monica Davie was out ill.

The Summer Bridge Program accepted 93 students to participate, but only 88 did. The students underwent a strenuous evaluation process to be accepted. It was a holistic approach but ACT, TABE and Grit Exam scores were also included in the evaluation process. Each student had to be interviewed and an example of written work evaluated by the English Department was also part of the process. The applicants were referred by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to the APEX program. This is in contrast to the Division of Community Education days when they had to do the recruiting.

The summer program was a rigorous residential 8:30 am TO 5 pm program. The 88 students were divided into six (6) cohorts depending on the English placement. They lived in the dorms Sunday night until Friday afternoon. Each student took the following courses: APEX 1000 (Learning Strategies for College Success), ENG 1010/1020 (English with ENG 1020 fulfilling the Basic Composition requirement), COM 1010 (Oral Communications). Mathematics Computer Lab (ALEKS but no credit), and a specific reading support program (no credit). There were no Friday classes but Fridays included workshops and tutoring. Every Tuesday there was a roundtable with the faculty and the advisors. The results were that of the 88 students, 84 completed the program successfully and 4 were dismissed for behavior or academic reasons. The aggregate summer grade point average (GPA) was a 3.28 for the students. In order to “cross over the bridge” a student had to achieve a “C” or better in each class. There were 32 male students and 56 female students. There were 20 White students, 54 African Americans, 14 others; 27 were from Detroit 1 from Toledo and 1 from Kentucky. The Summer Bridge Program including tuition, books, room and board was paid for from the general fund. The 4 students who were dismissed keep in contact with the academic advisors. For the 2013 summer 132 students are desired.

The 84 students who continued in the Fall 2012 semester each went on to the next level of English and Math. They also took other general education courses such as Political Science,

Computer Science, Sociology or Biology depending on the desired major. The aggregate cumulative GPA for Fall was a 2.29. For the Winter 2013 semester, 62 students are enrolled (70.45%).

Advising support is a major component of the Bridge program. There are 7 advisors who service both the Bridge students and the legacy DCE students. The Summer Bridge program was more successful than the Fall program. For Fall 2012 there were 17 students who achieved an aggregate 2.67 GPA. Of those, 15 are here for Winter 2013.

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Jim Woodyard gave a report on the student survey. The Teams One met with personnel from the Center for Urban Studies to get a first look at these data. Suggestions for drill-downs were sent to the Administration Team One and the Student Senate representative by the Academic Senate Team One. A future meeting is to be scheduled. The recipients of the 3 Nooks were selected at half-time of the last Basketball game.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 1:30 pm Room 3339 FAB.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.