

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

Present: Cheryl Dove, Moira Fracassa, Judith Fouladbakhsh, Avril Genene Holt, Michael Horn, Barbara Jones, James Martin, Victoria Pardo, Michele Ronnick, Brad Roth, Naida Simon, Ellen Tisdale, Ardiana Vuljay, Mary Width, James Woodyard, Lee Wurm

Absent With Notice: Basim Asmar, Veronica Bielat, Chardin Claybourne, Madhu Sanan-Venkata, Liza Lagman-Sperl, David Strauss, Nancy Wilmes

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm. The Minutes of the February 27th meeting were unanimously approved.

The speaker for today was Corinne Webb, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. The areas that report to her are Undergraduate Admissions, Financial Aid, Registration and Records, Student Services Center and Enrollment Management Reporting and Application Services.

Ms. Webb gave a broad overview of the areas that report to her. She then spoke about strategic plan for her areas. (1) Enrollment growth and sustaining momentum: this includes retention, strategic graduation, and compliance with regulations. 2) The change in admission guidelines for both first time students and transfer students was discussed. Transfer students now need a 2.5 grade point average and twenty-four academic credits. We submit to the National Student Clearing House who are students are. We receive a list of who applied here, was accepted but did not come. If the student is at a community college, we plan to send a positive letter encouraging them to transfer here in the future. The University wants to admit students who are competitively prepared to achieve a degree. This summer the APEX Bridge program has 132 seats available (3) Financial Aid: Wayne State has a contract with the Department of Education. It is a six year contract and we had to reapply as our contract expired December 31, 2012; it was renewed March 21, 2013. Over 70% of our students are aid dependent.

The White House has a scorecard that has all institutions' graduation rates. For the Fall 05 First Time, Full Time degree seeking (FTFTDS) our graduation rate after 6 years is 26% and the national average is 57%. For the Fall 06 class the graduation rate is 28.3%. The University has set goals for the Fall 07 through Fall 12 class for graduation success. Enrollment trends are down. Students also have rules to follow; it is called satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

For the Fall 2012 term, 1,142 students receiving federal student aid (both grad and undergrad) officially withdrew from all of their classes. When a student receiving federal student aid withdraws from all courses, the Office of Student Financial Aid must determine what amount of their aid did they earn as evidenced by their presence and academic engagement in the classroom. That proportional amount of unearned aid associated with their non-presence/lack of academic engagement must be returned to the US Department of Education. This past fall, the university returned \$1.3M of unearned aid for 629 of the 1142 students who withdrew from all courses. Ms. Webb reported that of the 1,142 students who came under this scope of review, 727

of them (64%) did not return in Winter 2013. Additionally, Ms. Webb noted that these 747 students had a lifetime student loan indebtedness total of \$13.4M wherein they would likely be required to commence repayment in six months. The student loan repayment period is triggered when a student graduates; stops attending or drops below half-time status during a term.

Ms. Webb also shared that at the end of the Fall 2012 term, 4,232 students were 'at risk' in that they experienced one or more of the following: 1) federal student aid recipients who failed satisfactory academic progress, 2) withdrew officially or unofficially from all courses, 3) had a student account balance and/or academic hold preventing registration for Winter and 4) completed the term with less than minimum cumulative GPA for good academic standing. Of these 4,232 students, 1,963 (46%) did not return for the Winter term. These risk factors require monitoring and pro-active intervention wherever reasonable and possible. The Enrollment Management unit is currently developing a pro-active intervention strategy to ensure students are aware of the academic and financial consequences of withdrawing from all courses during a term.

Ms. Webb received the following two questions: 1) Of the total number of undergraduates who graduate each year, how many started at WSU as FTIACs and 2) In response to the new lifetime Pell award constraints that were implemented by US DOE beginning July 1st, WSU created a new, one-time only, grant program for those Pell recipients who were very close to graduation but had exceed their 600% limit. How many students applied for a completion grant? How many were granted this completion grant? And how many actually graduated? Ms. Webb indicated she would pursue answers to these questions and respond accordingly.

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Chardin Claybourne has accepted a post as Director of the Academic Success Center for the Oakland University/William Beaumont Hospital School of Medicine and is leaving the University. Naida thanked him for his service to the committee.

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, April 10, 2013 at 1:30 pm Room 3339 FAB.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.