

Wayne State University
Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee
December 16, 2015

Present: Kristen Carney, Vicki Dallas Jeffrey Grynawiski, Ellen Holmes, Avril Genene Holt, John Porcerelli, Michele Ronnick, Brad Roth, Naida Simon, Gail Stanford, David Strauss, Ricardo Villarosa

Absent with Notice: Barbara Jones, Jim Martin, Vicky Pardo, Aashna Sahi

Guests: Katie Rawlings and Devon Sterk

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm. The agenda was adopted and the Minutes of October 21 and November 18 were adopted as written.

Orientation for students and for parents was the topic of today's guest presentation. Orientation is all about "the swag" that new students are given. As an example of the gifts, members of the committee received a Wayne State lanyard. Currently, the Office of the Provost houses the orientation structure. The Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs and the Associate Provost for Student Success share responsibility. The Dean of Students Office and the Director of the University Advising Center share the responsibility for programming and implementation.

Orientation for new students is divided into two parts aptly called Orientation One and Orientation Two. There is also a Parent Orientation which occurs during Orientation One. Both FTIAC and transfer students' parents are invited to attend a Parent Orientation, the main focus of which is to provide them with resources to help students. The Parent Orientation is split between where a student lives: in WSU housing or as a commuter. Orientation One is required for both FTIACs and transfer students; Orientation Two is required for FTIACs and only encouraged for transfer students. A Board of Governors' statute mandates attendance at a one-day orientation for all entering students and requires that students be assessed for the orientation program(s). Currently there is a \$250 matriculation fee, which covers the orientations and graduation fee. Orientations One and Two are for fall admits only; Warrior Welcome is the name for the winter and spring/summer orientation programs. Beginning winter 2016, transfer students are encouraged to meet with an advisor prior to attending the formal orientation. During Orientation One, students are encouraged to register for their classes.

Current students are hired to serve as orientation leaders. To qualify, a student must be enrolled, have at least a 3.0 grade point average and be an undergraduate.

Orientation Two is a two-day program held on the Monday and Tuesday prior to the start of the fall semester. Day One includes a keynote speaker, success sessions, Title IX education and Warrior Uproar (WSU spirit). Day Two includes the New Student Convocation and FestiFall. The success sessions are student workshops providing WSU-specific information and resources. The Academic Success Center plans and coordinate the sessions. Warrior Uproar is held in the evening and focuses on WSU community spirit. It is an athletics engagement initiative as well as an introduction to co-curricular programming. New Student Convocation is the presidential ceremony welcoming new students to

campus and FestiFall includes a picnic lunch and information about student organizations, learning communities; campus departments and offices send representatives. There is a Detroit Zone where 66 Midtown vendors and business display their wares.

Naida reported that a donated California redwood was planted on the west side of State Hall. The Grounds Services Department will develop a beautification and planting plan for the replacement of dying trees on the main campus. Noticeably missing for this plan is the monies to bring it to fruition. Naida was asked to contact Grounds Services to get a price per tree and a price for a plaque to place beside the donated tree.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 1:30 pm in 3339 FAB.