Student Affairs Committee
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
1:00 pm

Minutes


1. Report of findings from sophomore data sub-committee
   • Reviewed stats with entire committee and relevant take-away’s
   • Not insignificant that 16% are leaving after 1st year
   • Data shows potential value for possible sophomore experience
   • Housing, financial aid, academic part of that sophomore experience are parts to address/points of intervention
   • Connection with First Year:
     Struggle with academics and strategies to cope with more challenging course work in major sophomore year
     Need to make bigger impact on becoming self-sustainable freshman year, this may include academic department resources and connecting with peers
   • Transfer students are another element of this
   • Can we talk to these students and find out why they left?

2. Report of findings from sophomore research group
   • Not a lot of success finding peer institutions with programs. Most examples of sophomore experience from larger institutions or elites
   • Ideas to take from these should the university decide to expand work with sophomores:
     Career development
     Major connections
     Leadership
     Parental involvement
     Targeting sophomores more if programming already going on
• List of relevant links:
  Miami University, Ohio [http://miamioh.edu/student-life/second-year-programs/]
  University of Texas, Dallas [https://www.utdallas.edu/soye/]
  University of South Carolina [http://www.sc.edu/success/sophomore.html]
  Duke University [https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/hdrl/sophomores-juniors-seniors/sophomore-year-experience-sye]
  North Carolina State University [https://ced.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-student-success-and-advising-center/the-sophomore-experience/]
  Ohio State University [http://whatsgrowingon.osu.edu/second-year-transformational-experience-program/] and [https://housing.osu.edu/learningcommunities/sophomore-learning-involvement-community/]
  Kent State University [http://www.kent.edu/success/halfway]
  Sonoma State University [http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/us/sye/]
  SUNY Potsdam [http://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/services/sophomore/]

• List of relevant articles:
  Full text linked


  Predicting the Retention of College Sophomores: The Importance of Satisfaction. 2011 Dissertation.


  Available via interlibrary loan


  Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm