

Student Success Committee

Final Report 2015-2016

Chair: Barbara Serianni

Senate Liaison: Gina Crab

Other Voting Members:

Jennifer Bailey, Dennis Barber, Maya Clark, Cynthia Costa, Ann Fuller, Nancy McCarley, Michael Sergi, and Rebecca Wells

The committee met four times in the 2015-2016 academic year and addressed the following charges from Faculty Senate:

1. Revise bylaws to reflect change in Enrollment Management ex-officio representation on committee.
2. Review the report(s) and associated data on which the recommendation for changing to centralized advising at Armstrong was based.
3. Provide an update on the EAB Student Success Collaborative.
4. Review job description for the new graduate admissions staff member to ensure duties are streamlined in order to facilitate graduate student admissions processing.
5. Draft resolution (or bill) with guidelines for students who change majors across colleges prior to completing 45 credit hours.
6. Hardship withdrawal policy

The following actions were taken in regard to each:

1. Bylaws were reviewed and revised and submitted to Faculty Senate for approval.
2. The committee reviewed and conducted an extensive discussion about the change to centralized advising including bringing kudos and concerns regarding the state of advising to the committee. Members represented that their departments and programs were at least initially experiencing positive outcomes from the change. The committee continues to solicit input on advising from all programs and departments through committee members.
3. A general discussion regarding the EAB Student Success collaborative was conducted. Limited data was available for review. No action taken.
4. Review of graduate admissions staff position was conducted, there was concern expressed by the committee that this charge was outside of our perusal, especially in light of the fact that the position was already filled at the time of our review. No action taken.
5. The committee considered guidelines for students who change majors across colleges prior to 45 hours and determined that there was no need for action at this time.
6. The hardship withdrawal policy was reviewed and revised. A draft of the recommended amended policy was sent to Faculty Senate for their review and approval.

This committee experienced outstanding attendance at meetings. Unfortunately we were not able to solicit an undergraduate student member nor did the graduate student member attend any meetings. Dialogue at meeting was targeted to agenda items and produced recommendations or action on each of the six charges from Faculty Senate. The new directors of TRIO and Academic Advising presented informative updates to the committee this year. The input of the ex officio members of the committee was invaluable to committee discussions and decisions.