

## Minutes

# Student Success Committee Meeting Virginia Beach Campus – Provost Conference Room October 3, 2013 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Members in attendance:
Frank Dixon, Virginia Beach – Student
Marshall Ellis, Virginia Beach – Faculty
Holly Estrada, Chesapeake – Classified Staff
Marilyn Hodge, Virginia Beach – Chair
Naomi Riddick, District – LRC Representative
Tiffanye Sledge, Portsmouth – Faculty
Janet Taylor Magee, Virginia Beach – Student Activities
Marc Wingette, Chesapeake – Faculty

# I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

# II. Minutes approval

The minutes were distributed for review. A motion for approval of the minutes was made, seconded and approved.

# **III.** Introduction of New Committee Members

The Chair introduced the new committee members: Marcus Baker, Wesley Aaron Brown, Sarah DeCalogero, Frank Dixon, Marshall Ellis, Holly Estrada, Gaye Ewers, and Tiffanye Sledge.

### IV. Old Business

The Chair discussed the early registration and academic advising charges that were given to the committee last year:

- To recap: The committee assessed early registration throughout the country and Northern Virginia Committee College was thoroughly researched.
- The two proposals were separated from the single proposal document after Dr. Kolovani, President, made a request to see and review the early registration proposal.
- The committee continued working throughout the summer to assemble, and put the final touches on the early registration document prior to its

- presentation to the Executive Staff on July 16<sup>th</sup> and the Faculty Senate on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The early registration proposal, to include the end of late registration, was unanimously approved by both factions.
- The Chair thanked Marc Wingette for presenting the proposal.
- It was noted that Dr. Kolovani had discussed the approval of the early registration proposal at the Town Meetings on two campuses.
- The President is moving forward with early registration despite opposition from some groups, i.e., the mechanics of tuition payment because there cannot be a tuition payment collection window open for two different semesters at the same time.
- It was noted that Northern Virginia Community College and Thomas Nelson Community College both have early registration.
- It was discussed that the role of the Student Success Governance
   Committee was to make a proposal, not to figure out how to implement it.
- Discussion began regarding what the committee should do next: Should we continue on in our due diligence or should we have the President handle it?
- The committee unanimously agreed to have the Chair ask the President how we are to proceed. Is our work complete or can we now be of further assistance?
- Copies of the Faculty Advising and Mentoring proposal draft were distributed for review and discussion followed:
  - Frank Dixon suggested including traditional transfer programs in the document (page 9), and he questioned twenty-four (24) credit hours with the recommendation to begin eligibility for mentoring at credit hour zero (0).
- Discussion ensued with the mention of the new faculty contract which outlines faculty responsibilities. An example: At the counseling offices each counselor would be assigned a specific academic area and the counselor would be partnered with a faculty member in that discipline.
- Comments:
  - The Chair noted that her previous work with faculty advising had worked well.
  - Marc Wingette commented that he likes our Open Houses and suggested that this could be part of the faculty evaluation.
  - o Frank Dixon suggested adding peer mentoring in the document.
  - Marshall Ellis asked if faculty from the academic areas have been approached.
- It was further discussed that earlier this year a decision had been made to delay faculty advising until the fall semester.
  - It was suggested that we need to wisely approach the faculty and it was proposed that the committee readdress the curriculum selection.
- The Chair suggested a division of work:
  - o Criteria eligibility Tiffanye Sledge to develop a draft narrative.

- Counseling Michele Barnes, Naomi Riddick and Ted Tyler to develop a Counseling component to the document.
- Peer Mentoring Dean Hodge, Janet Taylor Magee and Frank Dixon
- Engineering, Science and Horticulture (Chesapeake Campus curriculums) – Holly Estrada and Marc Wingette
- Health Professions, Early Childhood Development and Administration of Justice (Virginia Beach Campus curriculums) – Marshall Ellis
- Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Development and Human Services (Norfolk Campus curriculums) – Sarah DeCalogero
- Welding and Visual Arts (Portsmouth Campus curriculums) Tiffanye Sledge
- V. The semester meeting schedule was discussed and decided and the meetings are as follows:
  - Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Provost Conference Room on the Virginia Beach Campus from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Provost Conference Room on the Virginia Beach Campus from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- VI. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet Taylor Magee Committee Secretary