

GRADUATION INITIATIVE 2025 TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- In terms of getting the admissions and financial aid offer to the students, we may be using the links we have with the community colleges and it may be increasing the communication for transfer students and perhaps to the high school students, we will be working on those indicators.

Jackson asks that as they begin to meet if they have any updates to the spreadsheets, they share them or bring the updates to the next meeting.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing- J. Drnek, V. Chicaiza, M. Quarles, I. Pestov - They do not have any updates yet, they are meeting biweekly which will allow making a lot more progress.

- We felt it was important to connect with the people that are responsible for these areas, meet and talk with them about how we can help them meet these goals. We didn't want to do any work independent of that, we feel that was very important.
- We will be meeting with ECE to find out if they have a roadmap for students to utilize as incoming freshmen and things that they should do to prepare themselves to get a job.
- They will reach out and invite the CECE Director, Katrina Gilmore to be part of their subcommittee.
- Pestov mentions that under student engagement, they have a student engagement survey that will be done in the springtime for measuring student engagement.
- Boone Holladay mentions virtual and in-person mental health services, as a way of capturing the unmet need in the student engagement lobby.

Financial Support N. Michieka, A. Hegde, K. Wellman, T. Boone Holladay - An email was sent from Financial Aid about financial aid workshops, K. Wellman is helping to track how many students apply for scholarships to see that. We will begin meeting again on the second week of the term and then will have regular meetings throughout the semester.

- The notion of reducing textbook and course materials costs will be one we work on, we will invite Sandra Bozarth to come and talk with us and see what kind of data she has and see if there is anything this committee can do to help promote open education resources on campus and with faculty.
- We also thought about tracking the rentals and returns of books at the bookstore, to get an idea of what percentage of our books are being rented and are our students truly aware of that option.
- K. Wellman will send a link for scholarships to the Student Success Network, this way the advisors receive it as well and can push it out.

Data-Informed Decision Making- F. Gorham, M. Malhotra - They are doing a ton of planning work in this area and also trying to bring the data environment up in a way that we can begin to bring some data.

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- **Pe** We asked Rebecca We to join the team and lead this effort and then decide using data and the use of student support services.
- **De** Gorham and Quarles will work to start pulling Student Affairs data, Pull RunnerConnect data, the Tutoring data has been put up into the box governance group.

Administrative Barriers D. Cantrell, C. Catota This group meets biweekly

- **Ba** We are looking at how that process and ease of navigation of various applications may be impacting students coming to the door. One of the challenges we will be meeting about is how to get measurables on some of these things.
- **Fac** They implemented a call center and it is running however, the question is, how do we get data from it. As a modality of student service, this is something that could work for many, we are looking into how to measure it.