First Year Experience Agenda
March 24, 2016

Present: Kerri Thurman, Stephane Potts, Nick Catlett, Dawn Nasser, Kalie Kilgore, and Cindy Peck

1. Notes from AtD Leadership Team

    a. The Leadership Team has decided that the institutional focus of our student success agenda should be Fall-to-Spring and Fall-to-Fall retention. Our FYE interventions all fits very well with this focus, but we need to continually gather data on our interventions to determine if they are still working and, if not, what we can do to improve them.

2. Notes from AtD Data Team

    a. The Data Team looked at our ATD and KPI data to determine the best institutional focus, but they also noted how little data we have disaggregated into full- and part-time students. With this year's ATD Annual Reflection report, the Institutional Effectiveness office will start showing progression, retention, and completion data for full and part-time students in addition to race/ethnicity, PELL vs. Non-PELL, and male/female. This will help us see where our part-time students need help the most to create or alter interventions to fill this need.

3. Success in College Update

    a. Ryan Minier is the new SIC Coordinator, and he is having an SIC faculty meeting April 13th. He is planning on sending out a survey to faculty to find out which SIC components they feel are most used and beneficial and which are not.

4. Mandatory Advisement Sub-Team Update

   a. Still working on getting Student Planner ($60,000 expense during essential spending only). Tracy Wahlfeldt is looking into whether the Foundation could help pay for a portion of this software since it will be so beneficial to our students.

5. Degree Audit Sub-Team Update

   a. 2017 Catalog added to Degree Audit; Course subs and waivers can now be added to student degree audits as well. 2015 How Close Are You? student degree audits are being run and will start to be contacted shortly about coming back to school to finish up.

6. Retention/Early Alert Update

   a. Getting reports (some instructors are using it)

7. Mentoring Program Update

   a. Ryan wants to integrate mentoring into INST 101 classes. Tracy got approval to use funds for a mentor/mentee get together this semester. The Phoenix program is also using a mentor program for their students (Kerri is going to get their numbers/information to add to our general mentoring data).

8. Next Meeting Date: April 28 @ 1:30 in Laura Lee

   a. This is a Discover DACC Day, so we may have to change this.

9. Other Items from the Floor

Overall AtD Goals:
1. Close the Achievement Gaps
2. Increase student success
3. Reduce barriers

AtD Philosophy:
1. Data Driven
2. Equitable solutions
3. Focus on Excellence
4. Scale-Up