

College Success Council Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2018

Attended: Dr. Dava Washburn, Dr. Jeremy McMillen, Barbara Malone, Amanda Howell, Brandi Furr, Dr. Kim Williams, Dr. Molly Harris, Casey Ticknor, Dr. Chase Machen, Dr. Debbie Smarr, Brad Bankhead, and Cynthia Taylor (Support)

Absent: Dr. Regina Organ and Logan Maxwell

Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2018 Meeting: The minutes of September 5, 2018 were unanimously approved - a motion for approval was given by Dr. Harris and a second by Dr. Smarr.

Texas Pathways Pathways #5 Advanced Work Update: Dr. Washburn shared a copy of the Financial Stability and Financial Aid Survey. Dr. Organ will meet with her team to complete. Also, Logan Maxwell is working with her team on the Mathways Survey and Dr. Washburn will bring back to the next meeting.

Dr. Washburn shared that she has made the room reservations and conference registration for the 15 GC people who will be attending. The group will be the College Success Council, Robbie Trissell and Ashley Trevino.

Texas Pathways Institute Preconference Update: Dr. Washburn mentioned that everyone signed up for the preconference. Dr. McMillen mentioned that he had requested a pre-planning conference call.

Brandi shared two handouts: (1)The SWOT Analysis that a group of Student Affairs staff and Danny Hyatt completed on the Enrollment Processes for New Students, Returning (Re-admit) Students, and Transfer Students, (2)Texas Pathways Homework they completed using the SWOT Analysis information. Dr. Washburn said that the pre-homework is used for dialogue at Pathways.

There was a discussion on adding a few additional SWOT Analysis details on Dual Credit, Continuing, and GED students. The decision was to do the Dual Credit Student and bring back to our next meeting. Brandi will get the meeting scheduled to complete the SWOT.

Update of Leader College Application: Dr. Smarr shared that she had not completed the data or narrative yet. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

Legislative Hearing Summary (Senate Higher Ed. Committee): Dr. McMillen shared an email about the MGA Legislative Hearing Summary. Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart of Amarillo College shared that "their representative student is a 26-year old Hispanic working mother who works two part-time jobs, has 1.2 children." Dr. Smarr pulled Grayson's data, and our representative is a full-time white female.

Student Ambassadors Proposal: Brandi shared that she took the proposal to the last Student Affairs Directors Meeting, and everyone approved to take the proposal to the next College Success Council Meeting.

The biggest change to the Student Ambassadors would be a financial impact. Brandi would like to offer a \$250/semester scholarship. The total yearly budget would be \$5000. Brandi checked with other schools; some have voluntary ambassadors, but most offer a scholarship. The Student Ambassadors could help with Senior Day, Graduation, and community events. Dr. McMillen asked for a motion for approval – a motion for approval was given by Dr. Harris and seconded by Barbara Malone.

Other Items:

- Dr. McMillen shared a handout on Texas Community Colleges: Policy Priorities for the 86th Legislature.
 - Funding Investing in Texas Community Colleges
 - Dual Credit: Broadening Access and Sustaining Quality
 - Workforce Education: The Critical Role of Community Colleges

- After much discussion, College Success Council decided on three big goals that Dr. McMillen will share with the Superintendents.
 - **Any Grayson College area 2019 High School Graduates will be eligible for a Free First Class if he/she has completed Prior Dual Credit or Articulated Credit.**
Limited to the Summer/Fall immediately following graduation. Must have successfully earned dual credit/articulation with Grayson College prior to graduation from high school.
 - **All Grayson College area 2019 High School Graduates will be accepted to GC by May 1, 2019.** Including Dual Credit (Reprocessing)
If students apply by May 1st, which they will have Letter of Acceptance by Graduation. (to place with Diploma)
Issues: All taken TSI; STARR exams; etc
Contextual Measures: INCREASE FULLY ADMITTED STUDENTS FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOLS BY ?
 - **Grayson College's area schools will increase Financial Aid application rates (10 percent points).**
Tracked by FSA. What does "complete mean?"
Need a number of High School Graduates. (Paula Cavendar)
What is the current rate?

- The College Success Council also discussed an additional goal concerning High School Students completion of the FAFSA by May 1st. "Best in Class/Highest in the State."