**Academic Success Department Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2022 9:30 - 11:30

Zoom link: [https://fsw.zoom.us/j/86315995349](about:blank)

1. Good News
   1. Prof. Hill presented on Vulnerability
   2. Prof. Olsen will be Director of Online Teaching and Learning Experience
   3. Dr. Nicholas is presenting on Community Engaged Learning at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Students in her class who completed Community Engaged Learning projects in Fall 2021 will present at the FSW Research Expo.
2. Follow-up discussion from SOAHSS meeting – Things looking good for Fall 2022.
3. Reminders about adjunct portfolios (due March 25) and annual supervisor evaluations (Form 1, self-evaluation, due today)
4. Data Overview with Dr. Van Gaalen – The office is moving to I-116 next week. The group reviewed SLS Success rates and other data points. The report will be available to all following the meeting but notable findings are:
   * 1. Declines on various measures during the post-pandemic period.
     2. Consistent growth in 5 areas over 10-year period and decline in other areas.
     3. Grassroots changes collectively over time lead to student success.

1. Student Engagement Updates – Catherine Cordova announced that Financial Literacy workshops will be virtual only. The Etiquette Dinner is scheduled for 3/30/22 at 5:30 pm. It is limited to 50 students and will feature training on professionalism using a free 3 course meal. Student Engagement is researching the effects of the pandemic on student well-being via peer mentors.
2. Committee Updates
   1. Curriculum Committee – Dr. Selau announced due dates at the Dean’s meeting. The Math Department is making some changes in course titles.
   2. Professional Development Committee – For this year only, FPD funds available for individual faculty are double the usual amount. All are encouraged to apply for FPD and Ancillary funds this year.
   3. OBOC – There are several upcoming events on Zoom including workshops, book chats, and a panel discussion on sustainability in Europe. All student may obtain the book through E-reserves. The 2022/2023 OBOC book is David and Goliath by Malcolm Gladwell. The new OBOC Chair is Dr. Gus Cameron.
   4. Academic Standards Committee – The committee is working on the Academic Integrity policy and flowchart. Dr. April Palmer has joined FSW and is involved with this. New legislation caused a need to adjust the policy. The goal is to get it to Faculty Senate in Spring for Fall implementation.
   5. Learning Assessment Committee – PD on 3/25 will be on “Think” at 9:00 and on “Investigate” at 10:00. The Research Expo is upcoming in April.
   6. Dedicate to Graduate - Restructuring is taking place with Dr. April Palmer on board. The Start of Term Check in was done and more than 600 students completed it as of January. Housing issues are addressed on the survey. Remarkable findings include: 104 students were struggling and 75 wanted help from FSW. The BUCS Care team will follow up using external funding attained.
   7. QEP – The next meeting is February 14. Dr. Ring will do a presentation to the QEP Capstone group on Co-curricular learning with Dr. Angstrom. Funding is available to provide co-curricular programming.
   8. IDEA and MH Matters – No updates from MH Matters. IDEA is actively working on International and Diversity class designation. Dr. Jett is working on a Scholarship fund for HG Education students.
3. Upcoming PD Opportunities – Prof. Olsen is doing a PD on Packback and Dr. Ring is doing PD on Pear Deck in February.
4. Other – Prof. Maguire shared a link on the NISOD conference taking place in Austin TX in May; There is an International Conference on Critical Thinking online in mid-summer. Textbook Adoptions are due to Wendy by 3/31/22.
5. Breakout Groups
   1. SLS Discussed:

Updates on plans for revision of SLS Master Shell – Over 20% of course change is a redesign vs. update. Master shell is for asynchronous only. All new courses have to use QM. After 3 years, edits are collaborative. SLS has one more year before the shell is up for redesign. The group agreed that (3) SLS faculty should attend the OER Institute to collaboratively build the new course with open source materials rather than relying on the existing textbook. Dr. DiPofi, Dr. Evans, and Dr. Ring expressed interest in working on this project. Faculty will earn a stipend upon completion. The goal is to develop OER material in Fall 2022 and have a new shell ready for Fall 2023.

Updates on Cornerstone Institute – It will be complete by Spring Break. Dr. Ring will add SLS faculty as Students to provide feedback. Dr. Ring has (2) remaining modules to create. Moderating certain sections of the Cornerstone Institute could be a College Service goal. The Cornerstone Institute should be ready for release this summer.

Suggested SLS assignments/assignment revisions – Dr. Page suggests an assignment to meet with an Advisor. Most faculty felt that the GPS and MCP requirements for advisor visits are sufficient. Dr. Schultz and Dr. Ring will review the Group Project after Spring Break.

Next SLS Coffee Chat is 2/22/22 at 3:00. Dr. Nicholas will host.

* 1. EAP Discussed:

1. Restructuring the EAP program

2. Textbook changes

3. Student progress in Level 5

4. Reading objectives

C. REA – No data to discuss