

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee Minutes 4.12.18

- Attendance:
 - a. Gabrielle Stallmacher (Chair)
 - b. Jamie Workman (Chair-elect)
 - c. Pat Miller
 - d. David Nelson
 - e. Deb Marciano
 - f. Sherolyn Hopkins
 - g. Seth Sterlin
 - h. Vince Miller
 - i. Tommy Crane

 - Guests
 - a. Rodney Carr
 - b. Bob Friedhoff
1. Introductions
 2. Guest Speakers – Dr. Carr and Dr. Friedhoff
 - a. What is the charge of this committee and how can we best fulfill students' needs
 - b. Reviewed summary results of 1995 Student' Opinion of VSU survey
 - c. Noted that student contacted the committee regarding timing of graduation ceremony
 - d. Dr. Carr – we don't know how to meet student needs if we don't know what those needs are
 - i. Every student will complete a survey as part of orientation
 - ii. SOIs typically have a low response rate, not just at VSU
 - iii. David Nelson – SOIs do not provide valid data, asked if they would be restructured – how is data in new survey going to be more relevant to faculty
 - iv. Dr. Carr – we will be looking at a predictive analytical model of retention
 - v. David Nelson – discussed how faculty are trained in their disciplines, not to be responder to students personal/emotional needs
 1. Dr. Carr- wants faculty to know how to direct students to proper resources
 2. Faculty are a primary tool for student success
 3. A student who is not involved on campus has about a 62% of being retained – if they go to one event, 70%, if they go to 5 events, it is in the 90s%

4. Dr. Carr is looking at simple action steps that faculty can take to better ensure student success
- vi. Deb Marciano – what is the charge of this committee, and how do we help you (Dr. Carr)
- vii. This committee needs to develop major themes and to teach and train faculty to respond to those themes
- viii. VSU currently conducts graduate survey, NSSE – Career Ops should be posting results of graduate survey on their website
- ix. There are quite of bit of surveys about the on-campus student experience - EBI, Blazing Conversations 4 times, progressive conversations with student, SGA conducts surveys
- x. Dr. Carr – we are gathering a lot of info, but not sharing it
- xi. Pat Miller – suggested Institutional Research serve as the warehouse for all survey data
- xii. David Nelson – students think that the institutional focus is on 1st and 2nd year
- xiii. Dr. Vince Miller – we are hearing that UC students are having difficulty with things like getting prerequisites done, getting holds lifted, getting internships, etc...
- xiv. This committee needs to help determine what resources the faculty need – CELT Center may provide training
- xv. Deb Marciano – noted committee does not have a formal charge and language is not clear one what we are supposed to be doing
- xvi. The charge is “Review and recommend policies and procedures pertinent to student services”
- xvii. Dr. Carr sees this group as determining how do we solve issues – interact faculty for professional development
- xviii. This committee could also promote campus activities on all “sides” of campus
- xix. Dr. Vince Miller – there are certain things that faculty hear at New Faculty Orientation that faculty need to hear periodically
- xx. Dr. Carr welcomes invitations to departmental meetings to go over key points from SA/Student Success
- xxi. Dr. Vince Miller and Dr. Carr will be figuring out a “survey of surveys”
- xxii. Deb Marciano inquired about survey incentives
- xxiii. Sherolyn Hopkins – a challenge is knowing our purpose, and that purpose has changed every year – we need to determine a purpose and stick with it
- xxiv. Gabrielle – part of the President’s committee audit is that Senate committee chairs may serve longer terms

xxv. Dr. Carr – this committee is the advisory council to the President and the Provost

3. Gabrielle (reviewed “Actions since last meeting” document)
 - a. Scorecard – Blazer Briefcase and Blazer Link
 - b. Blazer Guardian Ap will be put out to the students
 - c. Approved minutes from last meeting

Actions since last meeting

- I. What are the charges of the Student Affairs Committees at peer institutions?

Tommy sent excel document with examples.

We were wondering, if the results of the “President’s Committee Audit” could help us clarify our committee’s charge, and make sure that our initiatives would not duplicate other committees’ work. I contacted Catherine Bowers (Chair of Committee on Committees) about it. She asked Brian Ring about the committee audit. To his knowledge, it is an ongoing project in the president’s office, and there has been no report or and there are no updates.

- II. Should we do a student survey (update and use a previous survey)?

Patricia got two surveys from the archives:

- A. “Summary Results of 1995 Students’ Opinions about Valdosta State University Programs and Services”

The statistics of this survey considered lower division, upper division, and graduate students separately for each question.

Major areas of complaint were: telephone registration, not enough computers, books too expensive and not always used in class, core curriculum a waste of time, teacher evaluations don’t lead to changes, Financial Aid Office staff not polite, dormitories not clean/expensive/too strict, Health Center hours not sufficient, indoor pool necessary, campus lighting inadequate, bookstore need more books, more opening times, photocopy service inadequate, climate control terrible.

- B. “2001-2002 Seniors’ Perceptions of their Valdosta State University Experiences”

- III. Should we promote something like a “Score Card”?

Jamie found out that Career Opportunities are providing services similar to what she knows as building a “co-curricular resume”. As a result, Jamie thinks that the committee does not need to further discuss or pursue this issue.

- IV. Make the Blazer Guardian App more widely known on campus, encourage students and faculty to download app to their phones.

- IT created QR codes (one for Apple devices and one for Android devices).
- The Spectator will have an article in its next edition about the app.
- Hunter Terrell, Social Media Editor at The Spectator offered to design a flyer with the QR codes and post it to their twitter account and other social media related to The Spectator.
This flyer could be made available to students at The Happening, etc.
- The VSU Police Department said that they would post the flyer, as soon as it was created, to their social media and add the QR codes to their web site.
- The VSU Police Department does not have funds for an ad in The Spectator. We could ask the SGA for money, if the committee would consider this additional step necessary.