

Pathways Steering Committee
December 7, 2016 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Attending: Selina Bliss, Mike Davis, Jennifer Kelly, Patrick Burns, Laura Bloomenstein, Jill Fitzgerald, Alice Burroughs, Barb Waak, Andrea Riffel, Tania Sheldahl, Jodi Showler, Molly Beauchman, Joanne Oellers, Karen Jones, Scott Farnsworth, Dean Holbrook, Stacey Hilton, Karen Leja, Justin Brereton, Dr. Penny Wills

Support & Appreciation of Committee

Dr. Wills offered her appreciation of the work of the Pathways Steering Committee. She is pleased with the cross section of faculty/staff on the committee. She understands change is difficult but Yavapai College needs to move forward with this process; research shows it is best for student success. Scott commented that the committee appreciates the support of Dr. Wills and Dr. Liss.

Gantt Chart

Tania reviewed a potential wording change for Gen Eds, activity #5. Committee agreed to keep wording as is. Scott asked that the chart, and any other documents, have an updated date at the bottom to track the versions being updated/adjusted.

Winter Institute

Scott and Tania will do the opening summary; then we'll move into sub-committee task force reports in the order listed on the Gantt Chart: Refine academic flow charts – Molly; Develop career exploration – Jodi; Identify/recommend benchmarks – Barb; Web Landing Pages – Mike; Develop high school to YC Pathways – Dean; Faculty Advising – Justin; and Identify Gateway courses – Barb. Then Scott and Tania will do a wrap-up conversation. When sub-committees report, they should say this is our recommendation; discuss challenges and explain some things still need to be pinned down.

Committee discussed the glossary of terms Barb had put together but decided it was too detailed for Winter Institute. Tania asked Barb to slim it down to just terms of: Benchmark, Gateway, College Success, Critical Thinking and Faculty Advising and add references of where information came from.

Convocation Day – approximately 1 to 3 p.m.

Committee reviewed topics to be discussed and determined:

- Definition of Gateway/Benchmark courses
- College Success & Critical Thinking courses
- Faculty Advising

Committee had lengthy discussion on whether bubble charts of Pathways was best or doing Progression Charts. It was determined both are needed. Bubble charts would be added to website and button on Full Time Pathway would lead to semester-by-semester progression chart. Hopefully bubble charts and progression charts can be linked together. At some point in future, it will need to be determined how all of this material can be updated in a timely manner.

Area of Study Days

Faculty will work to complete bubble charts. Laura showed a new version that is simpler and Gen Eds can be integrated. The new bubble chart version can be made in Word on InDesign. There was also discussion of putting bubble charts and progression charts into Excel.

