

Pathways Steering Committee
March 6, 2016 – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Attending: Tania Sheldahl, Scott Farnsworth, Stacey Hilton, Dean Holbrook, Molly Beauchman, Patti Schlosberg, Justin Brereton, Kim Kapin, Laura Bloomenstein, Joanne Oellers, Alice Burroughs, Barb Waak, Andrea Riffel, Jill Fitzgerald, Karen Jones, Jodi Showler, Karen Leja

Tania explained today's agenda will focus on moving forward with the recommendations of the Career Exploration subcommittee, the College Success Course subcommittee, reviewing the status of the web pages and flow charts.

Career Exploration

Jodi Showler had submitted the Career Exploration subcommittee recommendation by email to the steering committee. Recommendation summary:

Expand visibility of career exploration resources, specifically O'net using Holland codes

Add link on YC home page

Attach Holland codes to YC programs – students connect occupations to programs

Redesign Associate of General Studies Degree

Put registration hold for student with undecided concentration to meet with academic advisor

Follow-up – academic/career advisors

Create Canvas shell to work with undecided students

After discussion, steering committee agreed the subcommittee was on the right track and should continue their work as summarized in their recommendation.

Quick Start Course Proposal – Critical Thinking & Student Success

Barb Waak had submitted a course proposal from the subcommittee.

Summary of course:

COL 101

Course would be offered both fall/spring.

3 credit hours

3 lecture hours

Added reading requirement

Sociocultural and internal factors relating to motivation

Goal setting: generating, evaluating, implementing plans

Prioritizing tasks, generating realistic schedules

Financial planning, budgeting, good and bad debt

Study skills

Apply financial literacy, time management, and goal setting strategies to develop a college success plan

Steering Committee held lengthy discussion on the positives and negatives of this type of course, critical thinking courses, FYE courses, mandated modules, and an expanded New Student Orientation. There seem to be three needs to help students be successful: Introduction to College; Critical Thinking and Area of Study-Career Exploration. Steering committee could not come to consensus on direction to take. Tania will contact Dr. Liss to set up a meeting with herself, Scott, Barb and Joanne to further discuss these options.

Pathways Landing Pages

Patrick reviewed a newly designed Area of Study landing page. Steering Committee agreed the design was good. It will link to newly designed YC Home Page. Alice is working on landing pages. She will send Tania a list of content Areas of Study she is missing.

New Bubble Sheets-Flow Charts

Laura showed a newly designed flow chart using the AAS Graphic Design degree. This format better identifies pre-requisites, fall/spring, pathway choices for students and includes certificates within degrees. Committee agreed charts need to be made as simple as possible for students to understand. Molly and the flow chart committee have been going through all the data submitted from departments and will now start to formalize them into this new design. Steering committee agreed not everything can be done in time for fall registration but charts/web pages will be put up in as timely a manner as possible. The plan is to have some up by mid to late April.

Next meeting: March 20, 2017

Submitted by:
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