

Pathways Steering Committee  
August 30, 2017

Attending: Scott Farnsworth, Stacey Hilton, Molly Beauchman, Jill Fitzgerald, Patti Schlosberg, Barb Waak, Karen Jones, Jodi Showler, Dean Holbrook, Andrea Riffel, Laura Bloomenstein, Joanne Oellers, Matt Percy, Karen Leja

Scott asked work groups to give updates:

**Visual Pathways (Stacey, Laura, Patti, Molly)**

Stacey summarized in spring faculty and this committee worked on visual pathways for AAS degrees. Laura is now working on 2D models and it is hoped to have completed by end of this semester. Laura has brought in Mandy Lopez to help with visual charts. Are now progressing with 3D models that have embedded certificates. Of the certificate programs, 8 of 26 done. 22 certificate programs have been identified that are not embedded and visual pathways will hopefully be completed by spring break. Visual models for programs that have the AGECE embedded with AA/AS are on the back burner – need to look at the Gen Eds and what transfers to get flow charts done.

Website is up and running with Areas of Study – Schools – Course Sequencing and some Visual Pathways. Alice will be checking with departments as changes needed. If committee members see any corrections needed, let Stacey know.

**Baseline Metrics (Molly Beauchman and Karen Jones)**

Molly and Karen Jones reported they met with Tom Hughes from Institutional Research to determine baseline data samples. Goals of this work group and data information presented to this committee are attached to these notes. Best data to track would be first time freshmen for each program – time to and earned hours for YC Associate's degree; time to and earned hours for greater than 1 year Certificates; and time to and earned hours for YC 1 year or less Certificates.

Also want to track number of hours students transfer entering university. It was suggested we look at percent of change per year; percent of total students.

Also want to look at fall to fall retention and spring to spring retention.

For goal 3, Clearer Direction to Program Selection, it was suggested to track program changes of students and see if Pathways helps and students make less changes.

**Success Course and First Year Experiences**

Barb reported the committee had met; are discussing a pilot 1 credit hour course for fall. They are planning a Google Doc to develop a list of what makes the whole First Year Experiences beyond the 8 week course.

Lengthy discussion on whether a teacher of the Success Course needs to have a Master's degree. Research shows that 70% of these types of courses are taught by Student Development staff. Discussion ideas included:

- First time freshman requirement
- Make it a required course but maybe not a credit course
- 8 week course first semester (could it be 5 weeks?)

- Course could be offered in summer before student starts
- 1 credit but free course
- If course is non-transferable, don't need to have Master's degree teacher
- Success course content doesn't really need Master's degree teacher
- If student took Success course, they could register early

Based on expectations of 1100 new students, 45 Success Course sections would be needed. Work Group will continue meeting to finalize recommendations.

#### **Alignment on Gen Ed Block (Laura and Jill)**

This group was Laura Bloomenstein and Jill Fitzgerald. It was recommended Scott take Jill's place on this work group. Lengthy discussion on who manages the Gen Eds. This group needs to look at the transfer piece, occupational piece and committee structure of the Gen Eds. Work group estimates it will take a year to accomplish its goals. Matt Percy said the Faculty Senate are looking at the committee and reporting structure of Gen Eds, Curriculum committees.

#### **High School to YC Pathways and YC to University Pathways (Dean and Jill)**

Dean has Leslie research what courses transfer to what universities. He will send this information to all of the Pathways Committee. It was suggested we encourage the YC ATFs to be looking at Pathways. Patti will give Stacey a list of the ATFs and Stacey will send them an email.

#### **Gantt Chart, Steering Committee Structure & Future Meetings**

A new Gantt chart needs to be developed based on work group's schedules. Work Groups will bring in additional people to their meetings as needed. Work Groups need time to meet, plan and move forward. There are a lot steps to move Pathways forward and takes a lot of time. Scott said when Banner was implemented some faculty were given release time to work on it. This may be an option to discuss for Pathways work. Next Pathways Steering Committee will meet Oct. 18, 12:30 to 2:00.

Notes submitted by  
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