

Pathways Steering Committee
September 27, 2017

Attending: Tania Sheldahl, Stacey Hilton, Mark Shelley, Molly Beauchman, Matt Percy, Scott Farnsworth, Jill Fitzgerald, Laura Bloomenstein, Jodi Showler, Andrea Riffel, Joanne Oellers, Mike Davis, Justin Brereton, Dr. Ron Liss, Karen Leja

Align YC to University Pathways

Mark presented the Pathway/Concentration in Sociology model from the work group . He suggested students don't recognize the words Pathway or Concentration and it may be better to use "Major." Lengthy conversation on the submitted example for Sociology versus the ATF list of classes and how the work group came up with the presented list. On Concentration form, work group recommended students meet with a faculty advisor to discuss concentration options. Committee agreed a better term would be Faculty Mentor. It was suggested Jennie Jacobson take the concentration example to the next ATF meeting.

Currently, students are referred to AZTransfer but the list of transfer courses doesn't match the recommendations of YC which confuses students.

It was suggested YC have required advising for transfer students. Also suggested "non-transferable" classes be labeled so students understand what classes don't transfer.

Action: Work group to fill out Program Modification form to get Curriculum approval. Include curriculum map, flow chart, demand, program modification proposal. State the Pathways Steering Committee supports moving forward with the modification. Obtain input from Curriculum representative Mike Ruddell.

The Concentration list of courses will be placed on Pathways website.

Work group plans to have three Concentrations done by October 31 for Curriculum approval.

Establish baseline metrics on key performance indicators

Molly reported the Work Group's recommendations from last time are complete. Outcome number three could not be supported. It was suggested an outcome to add would be: Measure number of students that change major within 10 credits of graduation. It was suggested to look at the data of students that aren't progressing to graduation and have Karen Jones and Tom Hughes discuss options.

Gen Ed Block to Pathways

Suki has started a work group which is a representation of faculty areas. Scott and Laura are attending from the Pathways Steering Committee. Lengthy discussion on large parameters of this project. Reviewing courses for AGECA and Concentration lists will help pare down Gen Ed lists. Need to keep in mind staffing. It was suggested to look at Arts & Humanities and Social & Behavioral Science. Definite progress needs to be made by October or November.

Align High School to YC Pathways

Dean Holbrook was not available for this meeting. Tania will follow-up with him on the progress of this work group.

Mandatory First Year Experiences

Joanne reported work group is making progress but still discussing various options: 1 credit, 8 week course; possible 3 credit course for students that need more in-depth information. They want course to emphasize “what students need to know right now.” Other things still being reviewed and considered: course to be free or with a cost; how to staff; and what HLC requirements are for this course. Important to determine the exact cohort of students that will be required to take FYE. Final recommendations need to be done by October 31.

Jodi updated the Steering Committee on new revised New Student Orientation; orientation for spring starts Sept. 28. Online NSO also being revised and should be done in one week.

Other issues advisors are seeing: students are not understanding expectations of some courses up front, i.e. students can't complete Composition on a mobile device. Students need to be aware they can't do a lot of course work on mobile devices. Many faculty do welcome letters that give students specific details but students do not read emails.

Jodi said Advising is looking to have more intentional, intrusive advising. They are discussing two models: one is an advisor has a specific group of students by School they follow; or the Generalist model that all advisors are trained to meet with all students. It was suggested that there be online coaches for online students as well.

Next meeting: October 18, 2017