

**Council on Retention and Graduation Steering Committee**

**January 20, 2011**

**UC 3171**

**Presiding: Rick Ward**

**Present:** Enrica Ardemagni, Cathy Buyarski, Julie Elkins, Steve Graunke, Michele Hansen, Kathy Johnson, Sarah Lang, Howard Mzumara, Gary Pike, Becky Porter, David Sabol, Khalilah Shabazz, Rick Ward, and Jeff Watt

**Regrets:** Gayle Williams

1. Ward welcomed committee members. He introduced Ardemagni, who is filling in for Wokeck this semester, and Shabazz, a new member to the committee.
2. The committee reviewed the agenda.
3. Updates on General Education and Roadmap Initiative:
  - Ward explained how the Roadmap Initiative came about and reviewed the documents that were sent out electronically for the meeting.
  - The “common ground” is a set of 30 credits that would transfer to all IU schools. These are courses that already exist, but some are modified. Ward told about some of the courses in the common ground and how transferring these courses within the IU system would work.
  - There have been discussions about redesigning OneStart to give students more accessible resources, from financial aid to course planning to transcripts. The system would learn more about its users with each login, similar to Amazon.
  - The Roadmap Initiative will have a steering committee to determine what should be part of the roadmap. Ward explained how the PDP fits in the Roadmap Initiative. We will need to ramp up the level of development of the PDP and train people on how to use it. The branch campuses are already asking to use it.
  - Pike asked about the vendors selling early warning systems. Ward told about the vendors. Their software packages are good in many ways, but the decision was made to let UITS design something based on what we already have. Vendors may come in later.
4. PDP:
  - The committee reviewed briefly what was discussed in the last meeting about the PDP. The PDP has existed within the first-year seminars. A FIPSE grant will help University College pilot the PDP in the Department of Psychology, Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS), and Honors College.
  - A handout from Buyarski was distributed, which lists all PDP initiatives on campus. The PDP will roll out to all first-year seminars in fall 2011. Johnson told how her department is going to use the PDP.
  - There was discussion about whether there should be a committee on the development of the PDP and ways to use it, how to get faculty involved with the PDP, the role of UITS with the PDP, orientation, four-year plans, and student expectations.

- Buyarski told how they hope to develop models based on the fall 2011 pilot to help roll out the PDP to other departments and cohorts.
- Ward discussed the role that the CRG can play in developing the PDP, particularly in connection to the Roadmap Initiative. The committee agreed to allow Ward and Porter to work together to select a committee for the Roadmap Initiative.
- After discussion about making a CRG committee on the PDP development, Buyarski suggested it may be a little premature to do that right now. She discussed the AAC&U report from summer 2010 where a group worked on the PDP. When Buyarski volunteered to draft a plan for moving the PDP forward, the committee agreed. Ward volunteered to help, and then the committee will give feedback in the next meeting.

5. Other Business:

- Ward gave an update on the General Education Committee that he chairs. He gave an overview of how the committee was formed.
- The General Education Committee has been discussing different issues; one issue is transfer credits. A handout with IUB's 30 credits in the common ground was distributed. The General Education Committee looked at how every school would deal with the credits coming in. Ward explained how the credits would transfer between IUPUI and IUB.
- Other issues the committee has discussed include the precollege dilemma and the purpose of general education. The General Education Committee will create a set of recommendations that will go to the Faculty Council.
- There was discussion about AP credits and how high schools prepare students for college. Shabazz gave examples of three students she works with (who transferred AP and dual credits to IUPUI) and the trouble they have experienced since being on campus.
- The General Education Committee is also looking at ways to make transfer students more successful.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

**Action Items:**

- Ward and Porter will work together to select a committee for the Roadmap Initiative.
- Buyarski and Ward will draft a plan to move the PDP forward and give it to the committee in February meeting for discussion and feedback.

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