

GRADUATION INITIATIVE 2025 TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 7, 2021

Zoom Meeting 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Debra Jackson (Chair), Marta Ruiz (Admin Support), Aron Hedge, Denise Romero, Doreen Anderson-Facile, Faust Gorham, Ilaria Pesco, James Rodriguez, Janine Cornelison, Kimber Wellman, Luis Vega, Markel Quarles, Monica Malhotra

Absent: Claudia Catota, Dwayne Cantrell, James Drnek, Jennifer McCune, Jonathan Young, Kristen Beall Watson, Lisa Zuzarte, Nyakundi Michieka, ORG ASI President (Stephanie Magaña)

Guest: Sally McMillan (TorchStar), Serena Matsunga (TorchStar)

The meeting began at 3:00 pm.

Debra Jackson begins by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending. She welcomes back guests Sally McMillan and Serena Matsunga who are in attendance to continue the conversation of the TorchStar results that were shared in the previous meeting.

GI Mini-Grant Update

a. TorchStar- follow-up –

- S. McMillan and S. Matsunga reviewed the key points from the STAY presentation that was presented in the last meeting. They did this with the goal in mind to point out specific areas that committee can focus on and prioritize to meet their goals.
- S. Matsunga pointed out that prioritizing Academic Support and Student Services can help with closing the equity gaps.
- S. Matsunga mentioned that prioritizing the Challenges/ Roadblocks that students face goes hand in hand with the GI 2025 Pillars. In the committee being made aware of these challenges/ roadblocks, they can focus on these challenges/roadblocks in their designated pillars to help alleviate some of those challenges/ roadblocks that the data shows students are facing.
- The GI 2025 Goals were shared, and S. Matsunga noted that access factors are very relevant in ensuring these goals are met.
- S. Matsunga noted that by using STAY they can Advance Retention and Graduation by focusing on what students' value/ need and addressing the challenges/roadblocks they are facing. Additionally, they should focus on strengthening core values, delivering on value, programs and services, and innovating where it matters.
- S. McMillan and S. Matsunga then shared a tool (Jam board) that showed all the areas that the committee should focus on based on the data results. It also listed the pillars. The committee members were asked to select three areas to prioritize and focus on, and then live updates were made to jam board based on which pillar the group felt could address the areas they had selected to focus on.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD