

Graduation Initiative 2025 Task Force

Wednesday, September 13, 2022

Zoom Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Debra Jackson (Chair), Deisy Mascarinas (Admin Support), Denver Fowler, Markel Quarles, James Rodriguez, Janine Cornelison, Monica Malhotra, Kristen Watson, Elizabeth Adams, Kimber Wellman, Faust Gorham, Ilaria Pesco

Absent: Jennifer McCune, Aaron Hegde, Claudia Catota, Dwayne Cantrell, Denise Romero, Jonathan Young, Lisa Zuzarte, Nyakunki Michieka, James Drnek, Carson Vollmer

Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Debra Jackson begins by introducing the new committee members to the committee.

Equity Goals and Priorities Discussion

- D. Jackson shared that five new priorities were added to the original pillars.
- She asked the group whether they wanted to continue with the pillars or switch their focus to the priorities.
- K. Wellman shared his concern on transfer students. She also mentioned that non-Pell recipients were performing a little better than Pell students.
- D. Jackson shared that she is leading a student success analytics. She mentioned that she split the participants into two groups and that one is focusing on transfer student success.
- D. Jackson also mentioned that K. Grappendorf was attending a meeting on the impact of covid on transfer students, so there would be more information on that regard.
- D. Jackson if given permission hopes to apply for a grant that would help fund the reenrolling of students who have dropped out.
- A big issue with transfer students staying/retaining them is that most of them are not getting adequate advised.
- D. Jackson asked the group what areas they should focus on to address the equity gaps.
 - M. Quarles suggested focusing on Administrative Barriers, Student Engagement, and DFW rates.
- M. Malhotra shared data on transfer students. The data showed the amount of transfer students coming in as well as their grade level. Most are juniors who have already completed their GE requirements. She suggested that there be enough GE courses for those students who transfer and have not met all their GE Requirements.
- J. Cornelison mentioned how there needs to be better communication with students. They need to explain things in detail so that they do not find themselves lost in the enrollment process as it happened during enrollment this year.
- D. Mascarinas shared that most of the petitions being submitted include those for additional repeat units. D. Jackson noted the correlation with DFW rates and how depending on the areas students are struggling then more petitions for those areas are being submitted.
- D. Fowler mentioned that they should look at what is working at other universities and try to implement it.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:03 p.m.