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Standing Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Student Success Committee
Meeting Date and Place: Faculty Club, March 4th 2010, 12:00p.m.

Members and Guests Present: Pam Agoyo, Elisha Allen, Lorraine Baca, Mary Clark, Carolyn Hartley, Cynthia Mason, Kathy Meadows, Krystal McCutchen, Shannon McCoy-Hayes, Catherine Montoya

Members Absent: Bob Christner, Marla Wood

Minutes submitted by: Elisha Allen
Next Meeting: March 18th, 2010, 12:00p.m.

	Subject	Notes	Follow-Up
1	Introductions and Welcome	Elisha welcomed the members present and stated that the initial vision of the committee is to draw on the ideas and talents of staff to put forward proposals that benefit student success by focusing on areas of mutual concern to students and staff. This could come in the form of streamlining processes, providing mentorship opportunities, accessibility initiatives, adequately resourcing offices and projects that contribute to student success, etc.	
2	Mentorship	<p>Elisha stated that he had had a conversation with Tim Castillo in Student affairs and that he was interested in working with us on furthering mentorship initiatives on campus. Committee members noted that there are mentoring initiatives in many areas across the university including the alumni association, Biology, Engineering, etc. and that it sometimes feel like these initiatives are operating in silos. Better cross campus collaboration on these initiatives would make them more successful. Pam Agoyo suggested that it would also be helpful to have some standards for mentoring. Student Affairs has a Mentoring Institute. Elisha will contact Norah to follow up.</p> <p>There used to be a very successful mentoring initiative called One-on-One. A few members of the committee were involved with it in the past. Carolyn Hartley will contact Laura Valdez to see what it would take to resurrect it.</p>	<p>Elisha – Contact Norah at the Mentoring Institute about how this committee can help her efforts.</p> <p>Carolyn – Contact Laura Valdez regarding One-on-One program.</p>
3	Institutional Knowledge	There are many services on campus for students. Often, students don't know they exist and/or staff are unaware of them and can't direct students there. It was suggested that some sort of clearinghouse or centralized location and /or a catalog of experts on campus would be helpful. Perhaps some of this information could also be added to New Employee Orientations.	
4	Communication and outreach	The Committee discussed a variety of ways that we can help with communication and outreach, including a newsletter, and sponsoring brown bags / professional	

		development. The committee also highlighted the need for the university to do a better job of reaching out to other parts of the state, Especially rural areas.	
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