Division Steering Committee Meeting

October 9, 2016  
Minutes

Informational

* + Common Ground Retreat – Ariel Donohue (15 min)
    - Weekend long three day, identity retreat. Open to all students to attend.
* Learning interpersonal communication skills.
* Good group of student and very diverse. International, differing racial backgrounds, etc.
* One outcome was that students had a lower agreement to my college is welcoming to all students??
* About half of the students said they were going to change the focus of their career goals and maybe even changing their career focus.
* Even weeks after the event there are groups of students that are continuing to interact. International students who attended made connections they may not have made with out the event.
* Question: Ability - mental health, learning disabilities.
* Question: Long term goal? The impact spoke for themselves and some version of this would be helpful. The timing would be key because we need a three day weekend.
* Question: Just freshman? A mix would be beneficial to the conversation. If implemented more broadly as a freshman experience, that can work but for this year it was unique to have the broader aspect.
* Question: Impacts from the weekend? People who weren't able to attend we are able to keep people connected to the programs and the services we offer.
* Question: Moderator training - trained to moderate a sustained dialogue.
  + Financial Aid Updates – Brandi (15 min)
    - Financial Aid Changes
      * Federal Perkins loan sunset on September 30. Once the grandfather after 2020, it will be a loss of significant need based funding. 2000 student receive Perkins loans each year.
      * Students who receive their Perkins loan by June 30, 2015 will receive it for five years.
      * Students who receive their Perkins loan by September 30, 2015 will receive their Spring loan.
      * There is a possibility that the limit on the unsubsidized loans to make up the change.
      * DOE will begin using prior, prior year financial data. The application process cycle will open earlier. It will now open in October, this will result in schools able to notify students earlier of their financial aid. There are many issues to consider as we move forward. The use of prior, prior data will provide better data.
      * Timing of many processes, notifications, and software updates will change.
      * The first two years are going to be challenging for FA.
      * Special condition appeals will increase, these allow families to notify FA of any financial changes.
      * Admissions yield rates may be impacted, those will be more complex.
      * This may compress the ability to 'bond' with potential students before they see the sticker price.
      * The national association is in support of the change because it will be good for our students. It will be easier for parents to pull in that data.
    - College Scorecard
      * <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
      * It has really interesting information, it provides links to federal student aid. You can search and find schools based off a wide variety of information. It doesn't capture any nuances of schools. For each category, it shows where it is compared to the national schools.
      * Shared information that is posted on MSU-Bozeman.
      * Question: where do they get the data?
  + ASMSU New VP – Marianne (5 min)
    - New VP - Holly Capp, Welcome!
    - There are exciting things happening, check out the 'Top 10'. Visit their office to learn more.

Open (10 min)

Ronda - Shared about the Common App and the creation of the Coalition App. In order to get into the Coalition, you must meet full need for everyone you admit. Gone will be need blind admission. This will have significant impact on publics. It will leave talented students with fewer options. We need to be ready for this.

Eric - put up new Haven, have applied 4000+ holds.

Everything so far, looks smooth.

Tammie - October 1, we hit a lul. Staff is taking time to regroup.

Aaron - Engaged Advisory Roundtable group sent out the survey. A reminder will be sent out on Monday and give one more week and then close it out. Takes five minutes.

Alanna - As of October 1, we have provided more training and education than we did all last academic year. Seen more clients in the last two months than we saw all last year.