11-24-2016

Council on Academic and Student Affairs Meeting: 2016 : 10 : 24 : Minutes

University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Office of the Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
I. Welcome and overview of purposes of the Council  
- Cross divisional understanding of roles and functions of AA/SA units  
- Development of initiatives/recommendations that improve our ability to better serve students  
- Improve communication lines across SA/AA divisions  
  
  Patti Helton  
  Martin Tadlock  

II. SACS COC 5th Year Interim Report  
Dr. Moore is preparing the 1st draft of the 5th Year Interim Report for SACS COC Accreditation. This is a major compliance report and is a priority for USFSP. The due date is March 15, 2017. Dr. Moore asked for a quick response time on requests for data.  
  
  Kathleen Moore  

III. Brief overview of three areas:  
- Debbie Nye Sembler Student Success Center  
  The main mission is tutoring for both undergraduate and graduate students; the center employs 30 tutors in many different subject areas. Customized workshops can be designed upon request. Regular hours begin at 11:00 am; however, morning tutoring is available through the Military and Veteran’s Student Success Center from 8:00-11:00am three days a week. The center also has a computer lab and a printer.  
  
  CeCe Edwards  

- University Student Center  
  The building opened in 2012 and was funded through SGA funds. There is a USC Advisory Board. The USC provides event planning/reservation services and manages The USC, Harbor Hall, Davis Hall 130. Beyond the full-time staff, the USC employs 34 student employees. The USC is home to the Reef/Coral Café/Cove; they have an ATM, Info desk and lost and found. For the external community, the USC provides conference services as well. The USC distributes the newsletter “Word for the Herd”.

  Dwayne Isaacs
• Financial Aid & Scholarships  

Erin Dunn presented a Power point which outlines the many services the department provides to students and their families. Please see attached file for details.

IV. Community Response Team  

Jacob Diaz
At the first meeting, the group decided to convene a Post-Election gathering on November 9th at 5:00 pm in Poynter’s Corner. Judithanne McLauchlan will lead the Discussion. Goals of the committee include:

• Develop better University response to National/Local news that strongly impacts the community
• Create a diverse and inclusive climate on campus

V. Initiatives that improve our ability to serve students: Wish List  

Patti Helton
• Compass Style program for Grad Students
• Centralized event calendar on the website (to see all events for the day)
• Food Pantry on Campus
• Expand student jobs on campus
• More financial aid support for international /study abroad programs
• Scholarships for juniors and seniors
• More global University Lecture Series
• More Arts on Campus – central avenue to collaborate

VI. Discussion and next steps

Next meeting: December 12, 2016
DAVIS 130
10:00 – 11:00 am