

Monday Nov. 9, 2015

### **Student Affairs Standing Committee Meeting**

In attendance: Vicki Sherrod, Sherrie Helms, Keionne Williams, Missie Crawford, Stacey King, Chassity Cruz, John Egan, Nick Kelch, Allison Crowe, Janet Stracher

Not in attendance: Ami Boatright, Breanna Stidem, Shawna Williams

3:02 meeting started

Dr. Avery gave background of last meeting.

Allison said the biggest part of dealing with the students is that they do not know how to access forms, fill them out, and check their status. Allison said it would be good to get the students to be more self-efficient. It was suggested that there be more training for students on using resources in orientation or student success. Allison said it would be nice to see student leaders more involved with orientation and to help the students become self-efficient. Keionne said students attempt to be self-sufficient and look at MyEGSC, but they do not understand it. Dr. Avery asked if the system we currently have in place will absorb more calls, emails, etc..... Allison said if the students would start earlier on their paperwork there should be enough man power. Chassity suggested getting with Missie and have a check status day in housing. Janet suggested we have been a last resort in the past but that EGSC is more efficient today than 10 years ago. If we are the 1<sup>st</sup> choice, students will get the paperwork done earlier. Keionne said she agrees the students need to understand more. Vicki said SGA is required to work 2hrs of office work. The SGA students do help the students when they are working the help desk. Vicki said maybe we should put out more notices that SGA is at the help desk and can help the students. Dr. Avery asked Vicki were there any SGA students working the desk during the summer. She said no, but that might be something they could work on. Keionne said when working the front desk they are asked questions from students. Sherrie asked if all students were required to get FA that live in housing. Missie said not all students have FA in housing. Missie said she has a list she goes thru with the students to see what they are missing. Chassity asked was there a way to implement. Missie said she sends emails out to students that say you owe money. It gets their attention. They continued discussion about ways to get students to fill out their paperwork sooner. Suggestions: give out packets to returning students in housing when they come back in January, have Enrollment Management set up tables in housing on a Wednesday to help students get documents needed for early enrollment. Encourage students by saying so many that complete paperwork early can get a room in the new housing building. During special orientation for Military, Athletes give students packets that say here is what you need include tax documents. Set a deadline and stick to it.

Stacey said it would be good to have more activities. Group classes like yoga, basketball, volleyball, dance, some outdoor sports on weekends. Keionne said that would be good. The students really liked the movie night. Keionne said there is nothing to do on the weekends here. She said the students need something like the Club House in Statesboro, or a pool something. Dr. Avery suggested putt-putt golf or

a suspended bridge over the pond. It was asked was there a master plan still? Dr. Avery said we could get Michelle to come to talk about the master plan.

Dr. Avery told SGA representative there were funds available for student activities. He also said they had talked about lighting by the basketball/volleyball areas. Keionne said that would be good and they need another place to get together maybe a sitting area, fire pit, somewhere to grill out.

Before Nick had to leave Dr. Avery asked him to give us feedback on Augusta student's issues or concerns at the next meeting.

John said put it in the students hands to start new groups or clubs on campus. Maybe the Coral student could help. He feels he needs to give out a survey to see what students are thinking. Dr. Avery said students seem to be connected to something to make them want to stay.

Dr. Avery said over the next 12 to 18 months we need to think in terms of details – what is going to happen in other departments (Student Conduct, Life, and Enrollment Management). Drill down details on what we are going to have to do. Be ready to discuss at next meeting.

Meeting ended at 4:05pm

#### Suggestions

1. Need more training for students on using resources in orientation or student success.
2. Student leaders more involved with orientation and to help the students become self-efficient.
3. Allison said if the students would start earlier on their paperwork there should be enough man power.
4. Chassity suggested getting with Missie and have a check status day in housing.
5. Vicki said SGA is required to work 2hrs of office work.
6. Missie said she sends emails out to students that say you owe money. It gets their attention.
7. Give out packets to returning students in housing when they come back in January
8. Have Enrollment Management set up tables in housing on a Wednesday to help students get documents needed for early enrollment.
9. Encourage students by saying so many that complete paperwork early can get a room in the new housing building.
10. Set a deadline and stick to it.

#### Activities

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