

**Student Success Council**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**Attendees:** Alicia Roberson, Chere Peguesse, Kate Warner, Sheri Gravett, Sheri Noviello, Stanley Jones, Keith Warburg, Rodney Carr, Rob Freidhoff, Shauna Branch, Sha' Wilfred, Jarrod Murray, Keisha Roberts, Bob Smith, Doug Tanner, Michael Schmidt, Jennifer Grubbs, Vince Miller, Gerald Williams, Tee Mitchell

**Recorder:** Sheri Noviello

Topic	Discussion	Outcome	Responsibility
Minutes from 1/24/18, 2/7/18, 2/21/18, and 3/7/18			
First Generation Student Webinar	<p>Required 15-week freshman seminar Extended acclamation process Focused on passion Faculty/staff/alums that identify as first generation Navigating services on campus Course that prepares them for an internship What is our definition of First Generation students (FGS)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neither parent has completed a bachelor's degree</li></ul> <p>What role do we play in supporting FGS? How do we learn how to learn? What resources do we have for FGS? Bob Smith discussed that we need to campaign a sense that each student belongs here and that they were selected to come here. At Freshman Convocation someone should ask of the faculty/staff who was a FGS. Currently, 30% of VSU students are FG.</p>		

	<p>Rodney suggested that having a FG flag in the Success Portal. Rob suggested that we need to change the way we communicate with all of our students and define acronyms and describe offices and their purpose.</p> <p>We could have a lapel pin designed that identifies faculty, staff, and students and also have stickers for our offices.</p> <p>Faculty connections are going to be vital in reaching the FGS.</p> <p>How do we market to the FGS and their parents?</p> <p>Alicia suggested using high school counselors to share with faculty (without breaking confidentiality) stories about our new students.</p> <p>Michael shared some FG resources that he found online. He also questioned how many of our students that are on academic suspension are also FGS.</p> <p>New faculty orientation will include information that will help those individuals recognize and support FGS.</p>	<p>First Generation Subcommittee – Rob to chair this group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of FGS</li> <li>• What %</li> <li>• What resources do these students and parents need?</li> <li>• How do we get these resources to them?</li> <li>• How do we get faculty connected to these FGS?</li> </ul>	<p>Rob Freidhoff</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Kate Warner requested additional volunteers for the Minority Subcommittee.</p> <p>Sheri Gravett informed the group regarding a presentation in the bookstore tomorrow on IncludEd if anyone is interested in joining us.</p> <p>Keith and his group has put together a website for the new VSU Strategic Plan. If anyone has any documentation that supports the SP, please send that forward to Keith to be included on the website.</p>		
<p>Next meeting</p>		<p>The tentative date for the next meeting will be in April 4, 2018 at 1:00.</p>	<p>Rodney Carr has already sent out a calendar invite</p>

