



REGENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE (RACSL)

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

FALL MEETING – November 13th, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Middle Georgia State University

Room 237

Professional Sciences Center – West campus

AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00 am **Check-In**

10:00 am Welcome and Introductions

Agenda/Minutes review:

First motion: Joe Augusta State

Second motion: Ron Lunk

Motion Approved

Topic Presentation: USG Mindset Survey 2nd administration, roll out of academic focus areas 2018-2019 (Jonathan Hull from the Systems office)

USG Mindset Survey – Jonathan Hull, Assistant Director, Policy and Partnership Development, University System of Georgia – “The Momentum Year” – research proves students are most successful when students need to start out right by making purposeful choices in academic area, enter with productive academic mindset, follow a sequenced program map that includes core English and math, 9 credits in focus area, 30 credits in their first year. Complete College Georgia.

- Academic mindset survey administered/sent out to every freshman
- Many elements will be phased in 2018 – by 2019 everything in place
- 3 elements: Purposeful choice; Academic Focus Areas; Productive academic mindset

First administration of survey had relatively low response rate at institutional level (had sent 3 reminder emails)

Uncertain for now how representative the sample was – was first sent out first week of school, will be sent out again end of semester

Both academic mindset and purposeful choice are “First contact” events for students on campus

Goal is to increase survey rate 5x for fall 2018

Hope to have every freshman in an academic focus area by fall 2018

Student affairs staff are often the first points of contact for students on campus

Orientation is the first point of contact for many students

Survey takes 15-20 minutes – link they can do later at home or on campus

Second administration – November 20th to December 15th - done through IRB on campus?

Questions: Is it feasible to deliver or communicate information about the mindset survey during orientation? How can meaningful conversations about academic purpose be held during orientation?

USG System Updates (Dr. Joyce Jones)

If an institution elects to allow MOWR/dual enrollment participation in PSI (post secondary institutions) -sponsored clubs, and/or intramural sports

- Parent/guardian consent must be obtained as appropriate if the student is a minor (everyone must do this) – anyone have a parental consent form they can share? Counseling has consent forms for it too – all possible extra expenses are covered by the student (if not covered by the program)
- Any way they can just sign a waiver to be in program in general? To be used for all items such as R rated movies, games, trips, etc – how do they know if they are MOWR prior to event/program etc? How do we identify these students?
- Parents are concerned by safety for their students etc
- Dual enrolled students it the new name (not MOWR)
- How/what do they classify PSI sponsored clubs/sports? Maybe not sponsored but recognized? Registered?

Updates: Chief Bruce Holmes for Security – not aware of any new gun related incidences since the campus carry. Greek Life/hazing and alcohol related issues are up

What does everyone think about Florida looking at possibly disbanding Fraternity and Sorority life? Conversation. Does it just shift responsibility away from University to the City? Will they still just meet and be an organization still. Self-governance? More tension because of social media/press coverage? Is our training having any impact? Do chapter advisors/alumni need more interaction and training/development with their students? Is our measuring stick broken of how we measure our chapters success etc? We do a good job training leaders but we don't have the staff/time to reach all the rest of the students?

She just met with SGA presidents recently –discussed Greek Life, many SGA Presidents are a part of Greek Life – will that “kill” student life?

Sexual assault is same/one less than last year

A lot of robberies/robberies are up from last year – need more police officers for ATL

Sexual misconduct policies, nothing has changed, waiting to see on federal government changes

DACA nothing changed even if federal government might change – if anything changes Chancellor will reach out to Presidents and so on

Board meetings are open to public/can view online, next one is this Wednesday

Met with SGA presidents – they complained there is no training for them/lack of training, how to write constitution, transition from each year, Roberts rule of order, etc – the consolidated schools are struggling with bigger school rules vs small school rules

Freedom of speech – what is protected what is not; students don't feel like they are not included in searches, policy making, etc – student leader vs advocacy? Could have consequences for their actions even if you are right? If paid, they work for the university? Liaisons to administration and the students?

Many don't like their advisors/not getting along, 1/3 do not – get a co advisor? If need be, go to that person's supervisor, have a conversation, don't agree with how fees are spent, etc

Esports hosted by Peachbelt (good, bad, ugly) (Josh Curtin) – out sick

Open Records Request/How do institutions handle and train for it (Allison Lyon)

in the news for athletes taking a knee, helps prompt conversations about open records request with her direct reports. A lot of informal conversations with students etc – are any schools doing training about awareness of open records request? Dr. Joyce Jones says there is a person on every university who is in charge of open records request, lawyer on campus too etc – when should you pick up phone vs email (for grey issues) – at the USG system they can pull your files without asking first if have open record request – they cannot request files from your personal phone (but can pull from university issued phone) – without a court order – who trains us on this? Kimberly Ballard Washington says to call her if they don't have a lawyer on campus

Being good stewards of student fee money when paying salaries (Amber Rose Lesicko)

Being good stewards of student fee money when paying salaries – Dalton State – their staff salaries come out of their student fee money – Augusta mentioned SGA finally lobbied to get away from student fee salaries – moved the salaries to state funds – Dalton state is phasing slowly to get away from student fees – College of Coastal Georgia doesn't pay out of fees but she advocates that one coordinator should be paid out of it (don't have money for coordinator right now) – Dalton state did restructuring, brought in two new positions, up for potential raises – that is taking out of student fees though that is already tight – how balance student fee good stewards vs appreciating staff need for raises etc – raise money could come out of state money? Split funded? Or budget for the raise? Do students have any say on that?

12pm

Lunch

Faculty Senate shared governance/oversight of SGA (Amber Rose Lescko)

Faculty Senate shared governance/oversight of SGA – Amber Rose Lescko/Dalton State – faculty senate has proposed a new statues, shared governance – institutional governance – faculty would help improve minutes, actions, no policy could be implemented prior to faculty approval – (combined faculty senate, staff council, and SGA) – Ron Lunk said to emphasize “share” – three bodies should have equal leverage – Joe said, who are the allies on the campus, who actually support it and what leverage do they have with the faculty senate/have a discussion? What is the root as what/where is this coming from?

Do we all have faculty representatives at the SGA meetings or vice versa, do SGA members attend faculty meetings? Some schools have SGA at faculty senate meetings, non-voting – some faculty are on student fee committees etc – some schools faculty want more presence on fee committees

Some organizations are creating more foundation/agency accounts (fundraising) so that student fee policies can't affect items as much

Online vs paper advisor manuals (Emily Teitelbaum)

most have online some have online and paper – student handbook is mostly online

Advisor Incentives? (Emily Teitelbaum)

some no because want to be intrinsically motivated – advisor of the year award, more is being put on advisor plate – so what else is in it for them? Pool of advisors is drying up, Kennesaw – faculty course leave? Still at discretion of department though? – holistic engagement push (academic/student affairs bridge)

Volunteer Programs – waivers, department planned vs community partners, how hold volunteers accountable to show up (Emily Teitelbaum)

Kennesaw – volunteer connect, students show up and not clear who volunteer lead is/logistically - Dalton state – galaxy digital (mobile friendly) (promote/track volunteer hours) – community partners – host training sessions for them, how to do platform/how to work with students – low turnout for on campus trainings, but go out to them, how hold volunteers accountable? New RAC group soon for volunteer programs/engagement

1. How the FSL communities structure their new member institutes? (This is like our Greek Advance sessions) – IFC – monthly, different themes, CPC – one big session Pins and

Pearls – conference style, 2 more after that, NPHC – attend some IFC ones, especially when they cross – if cross in fall, go o one in spring

2. How long their Greek Week is scheduled to last? (Monday-Friday or do they do weekends?) – Monday through Friday, usually done Friday by 5pm
3. How they incorporate continued education for leadership for chapter presidents and their executive board? – monthly chapter president meetings, different topics – first one academics (academic success center), legal council/chief of police session> keep flexible – Impact – Launch (one day program) – chapter advisor, presidents, council presidents – expectations and the launch

Student Organization Yearly Renewal/Submission of Yearly calendar of events (Francisco Lupo)

Lengthy comprehensive renewal process, how does others look? RSO renewal – others, online forum, submit constitution, attend hour and half training – online platforms – a call from dean of student life to simplify process – might not require constitution upload – Kennesaw has changed a lot in past 5 years - current is annual process, period of reregistration – closes in month of September – online form/collegiant link – current officers, advisor, copy of constitution, online trainings for certain officers (all online, used to be in person), additional simple forms (university policy/expectations)

College of coastal Georgia – end of year report (5 step report) – transitional leadership, use that form for renewal, anti-hazing forms, president training

No need to submit calendar of events

Question – who looks over constitution when it is submitted? Constitution audit over the years?

New agenda item/question: - migrating from orgsync to engage product – how has transition been, lots of bugs? Not as user friendly as it was – customer service good though

Date/Location for next meeting

Atlanta Regents Office location; Spring – who do we want to meet/have on agenda from the system office

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings

none

Job openings

Digital Marketing Specialist position at Georgia State University; Georgia Southern has several – AVP of Student Engagement, Director of Student Activities; VP of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Albany State; President at College of Coastal Georgia

Dismissal –

Motion to adjourn, John,

Second; Ron – 1:30pm



RACSL Attendees:

Armstrong State University (Rachel Anthony)

Albany State University (Venessa McKinney)

Columbus State University (Melissa Dempsey)

Armstrong State University (Chuck Franco)

Kennesaw State University (Andrew Harvill and Ron Lunk)

Clayton State University (Natasha Hutson)

University System of Georgia (Dr. Joyce Jones and Jonathan Hull)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (Alan Kramer)

Middle Georgia State University (Lindsey Devereaux and Dejuan Mitchell)

College of Coastal Georgia (Allison Lyon)

Augusta University (Joe Pierce)

Valdosta State University (Brian Roberts, Robin Vickery, and Madison Beaumarchamp)

Atlanta Metropolitan State College (Iris Shanklin)

Georgia Highlands College (John Spranza)

Georgia State University (Gail Sutton)

University of West Georgia (Emily Teitelbaum)

Dalton State College (Heather Williams)

Georgia Gwinnett College (Lakeisa Rawlinson)

Georgia Southern University (Francisco Lugo)