

Graduating the Successful Student Task Force April 17th Meeting Minutes

Updates:

Co-chair Emma Carter

New Student body president had a town hall. Students are considering if they should change their grading to S/U and how exams will work.

Chris Ashwell

Univ of GA colleagues —not offering an S/U grading option. Students are revolting. On campus students don't take online classes there. Their students are especially upset that they don't have the S/U grading option.

Louis Hunt

Meeting of co-chairs of the various task force committees took place on Tuesday of this week. There is a lot of overlap between the committees. We can throw ideas to other committees or we can focus on the idea from a student centered perspective.

Kelly Wick

Kelly is observing a lot of task force meetings. The summaries that they received from co-chairs will get sent out to all task force committee members. If several task forces come up with similar ideas it will most likely make it into the 2020 strategic plan.

Louis Hunt

We were asked to think big and come up with some big ideas. I want to make sure we end up with that. There is a folder in the google drive called "references" with some articles from publications like the Chronicle of Higher Ed. (topics include career ready education, mental health, etc.). We are a research driven institution so it's important that our ideas are founded in research. Louis created an outline document that he shared with committee members which will help formulate ideas into a formal report.

Emma

High impact practices article put into the reference folder (HIP tables, AACU)

Louis Hunt

How do we move this process forward?

Chris Ashwell

We want to involve the student into the process. Don't want to seem preachy. Website or portal for students to map out and track their individual development which will look different for every student.

Carolyn Mattingly

Proactive students find opportunities. Students who don't feel empowered to look for opportunities fall through the cracks (murky middle). Finding information online can be difficult. You have to have time and a lot of patience. We create artificial barriers.

Louis

Information is dispersed and there's an opportunity there for sure.

Janice Odom

The conversations the committee is having IS moving us along. For efficiency's sake maybe we have an editing team which will focus on how to sift through the information and organize it in a way that will allow us to make the best use of our time together. Editing team will consist of Mike Mullen, Stacy Nelson, Carolyn Mattingly and Janice Odom.

Louis Hunt

Committee members came up with about 25 ideas. We also solicited ideas from UG coordinators, DGPs, and Associate Deans. Some ideas will be duplicated, some will be more relevant for another task force and some while not the 2-5 themes we focus on in the end, will be overarching and something worth discussing (attendance policy and how policies overall affect students and their experience).

Committee began to review submissions from the committee members in the "career" category.

1. Expand the funding and opportunities for the Provost's PEP program
2. Every student needs to complete an internship or co-op
3. Mentorship programs for students and industry experts to develop career readiness and prepare for transition to career

Committee began to review submissions from the committee members in the "curricular" category.

4. Require all students to complete "Signature Work" In Signature Work, a student uses his or her cumulative learning to pursue a significant project related to a problem she or he defines. In the project conducted throughout at least one semester, the student takes the lead and produces work that expresses insights and learning gained from the inquiry and demonstrates the skills and knowledge she or he has acquired. Faculty and mentors provide support and guidance.

Louis

Next steps:

- Continue to go through the submissions submitted by campus partners and committee members.
- Connect with Janice to discuss how the editing team can assist with organizing the information in a way that helps the committee move forward.

Chris Ashwell

Michigan State does a great job with co-curricular inventory tracking/transcript

Janice Odom

Requested that a "[Best practices](#)" folder be added to the google drive.