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Consultative Committee  
January 21, 2016  
Moccasin Flower  
4:00 pm

Present: Kelly Asche, Jayne Blodgett, Brenda Boever, Rita Bolluyt, Dean Doneen, Julie Eckerle, Lisa Harris, Megan Jacobson, Jane Kill, Michelle Page, Ted Pappenfus, and Elsie Wilson.

Absent: N/A

Guest(s): Dave Israels-Swenson, Director of Student Activities, Conferences and Special Events

Minutes from 12/10/2015 were approved.

CoChair Julie Eckerle inquired if anyone would be interested in replacing Jayne Blodgett's position as Co-Chair. No one at this time volunteered.

Guest Dave Israels-Swenson requested our feedback on offering an additional New Student Orientation Day. Dave shared the existing model and the proposal of looking at redeveloping Orientation in a four day model. The goal of this change would be to address in greater depth the concerns as expressed by students through the College Student Inventory (CSI). Possible new programs; Majors Fair, Local business Expo, Expanded Adviser/Advisee meetings, Campus resource expo/Job search sessions, and Community tours. Below are Dave's prior notes in 'black' and Consultative Committees comments are highlighted in 'yellow'.

- Academic Exposure program- There has been a concern raised that students need greater exposure to all of the academic fields of study available to them, this was a suggestion for how to provide that exposure.
  - use students and faculty
  - fair idea may be helpful for faculty to learn how to promote and talk about their discipline
  - alumni from disciplines? if not there in person, show videos. Tie to homecoming.
  - sample lectures (10) minutes- give a better idea of what a class is like. (video taped and online in advance)
  - Open houses with ability to interact with faculty.
  - encourage underclassmen to attend some 3000 level classes for a day to see what they are like.
  - find ways to encourage students to explore something new vs being drawn to what they are most comfortable with.
  - panel discussions with four faculty from different divisions addressing how each would address a specific question.
  - progressive social event that takes students to all of the divisions/disciplines
  - midnight faculty pancake sort of program
- Local Business Expo - This did exist prior to the change to a Sunday start. Local businesses were unwilling to participate in this program on a Sunday but may be willing to on a Saturday. include CST and Community Engagement and partners
- Expanded Adviser/Advisee meetings - There is an interest in expanding the amount of time new students spend with their Advisers, to allow for less formal interaction and perhaps more one on one time. This could present significant logistical challenges.

- Campus resource expo/Job search sessions - programs to help students learn to navigate student employment opportunities.
- Community tours - OGLs lead students around town. get businesses to be ready to welcome them.
- More consistent office tours with greater depth.

Consultative notes beyond:

- Need for greater First Year Experience that extends beyond Orientation.
- Don't make things too overwhelming.
- Include Social opportunities.
- Add a community meal or add some of those elements to an existing picnic.
- Don't have adviser meetings on the last day.
- Info sessions not effective, events that drew an emotional impact were memorable.
- One on one with adviser is more important than the lunch? Setting matters. something different than a traditional formal dining setting.

Swenson stated it would be hard to squeeze additional programs into the current three day model. He's researching what other colleges in our peer group are doing.

Discussions regarding our spring agenda:

- Sandy Olson-Loy - changes in her office and student data
- New Athletic Director
- New Admissions Director
- Jenn Herrmann – discuss retention

Julie Eckerle is working on our report to Campus Assembly regarding campus governance.

Julie Eckerle will be sending out an email to the campus inquiring if there are any issues and/or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Harris

Dave Israels-Swenson's - New Student Orientation 2016 – Existing Model handout attached