**KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

**Student Success Committee**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**12-1 pm in Norton Seminar Room**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Bill Backlin, Tim Frye, Myers Hendrickson, Kristin Kraemer, Kraft (Chair), Barbara Marshall Nickell, Bridget Weiser, Steve Wilson

**Excused:** Bryan McCullar, Ryan Showman

**Call to Order:** Kraft called the meeting to order at 12:03pm, and Backlin offered an opening prayer. Minutes from 11/26 were approved.

**New Business:**

Taking Stock Survey Executive Summary: After a brief overview of the Executive Summary document, Backlin highlighted several items in the report:

* There is statistical difference between credit hours attempted and credited hours earned for retained and non-retained students.
* Texas and Kansas are the states with the highest levels of attrition for FF.
* There was a review of the five recommendations contained in the Executive Summary.
* One committee member noted the need to collect data on attendance. The committee agreed that this is an important data point that isn’t currently collected in any of our reports.

Athlete Mentoring Program:

* Kraft noted that areas of FA will be participating in the program next fall, and thus there will be a name change to simply the “Mentoring Program” (or something yet to be determined). The institution needs also to facilitate peer mentors for students who enter without a previously identified involvement.
* Kraft will be speaking next week with coaches regarding program participation.
* The committee reviewed 2018-19 cohort retention data, noting the connection between both midpoint and semester GPAs and retention. This data strongly suggests the need for enhanced student support during the first eight weeks of a first-time student’s first semester.

Women in STEM LLC:

* Kraemer provided an overview of current participation and activities, as well as context regarding the evolution of the program since its inception last fall.
* The involvement of upperclassmen in the LLC was noted as a positive.
* Early data for STEM majors (retention rate of 75%) is promising. Impact for pre-PT and Sports Management majors is an area worthy of further investigation.
* There was discussion about scheduling challenges for LLC activities.

Action Steps:

* Communicate retention risk of FF from Texas and Kansas, placing increased emphasis on supporting these students. (The committee discussed that increased college/university options in the region might be a reason for greater retention vulnerability with these students.)
* Gather data on attendance to include in retention analysis.
* Investigate opportunities for second eight-week courses that might address issues with credit hours earned and attempted.
* Communicate scheduling between LLC and Athletics.
* Discuss enhanced scholarship opportunities for recruiting areas of interest (STEM, etc.).
* Explore possibility of funding a second RA on each wing of FF residence halls.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Damon Kraft

Minutes Recorder