

Pathways Steering Committee
January 23, 2017

Attending: Tania Sheldahl, Scott Farnsworth, Justin Brereton, Stacey Hilton, Selina Bliss, Patti Schlosberg, Jodi Showler, Jill Fitzgerald, Mike Davis, Barb Waak, Andrea Riffel, Alice Burroughs, Molly Beauchman, Laura Bloomenstein, Dean Holbrook, Patrick Burns, Karen Jones, Karen Leja

Convocation Day Feedback

Question 1 – Most responders were comfortable with recommendations for Ged Ed courses as long as other options are available. Committee suggests moving forward with recommended Gen Ed courses.

Question 2 – Lot of concerns on faculty advising – workload, compensation. Staff also showed concern that they put in many extra hours with new Pathways but no compensation. A lot of workload and training concerns. Many responders felt it's a shared responsibility of informal advising by faculty; formal advising by Student Development advisors. Potential reorganization of departments with Dept. Chair format may factor into faculty advising.

Tania will follow-up with Mark Shelley, Joani Fisher, Jerry Hamilton (Dept. Chair reorganization) and Paul Smolenyak (Faculty Affairs). May want to research other institution models of faculty advising. A future meeting agenda will need to address faculty advising.

Question 3 – Still some complexity/questions on flow charts. Some certificates lead to jobs; some certificates lead to other certificates. Use stackable certificates. How do we show on website all options? Molly is reviewing, adjusting flow charts based on conversations at Area of Study meetings. Need to connect certificates to jobs. Need to determine what visual is going to be used. Some students understand visual bubble charts; other students better understand linear worded format. Molly will work with Lauren on new chart format and upload documents based on Area of Study meetings.

Question 4 – There was some confusion on need for Critical Thinking and FYE courses. Need to get more input/research on success courses. Even CTE needs some type of FYE or success course. A “First Year Experiences” will need to be put together with advising, preparedness, orientation – maybe in a seminar format.

Website Template

The website template is ready. Template for Area of Study; Programs/ Degrees/Certificates. Patrick said it will be sent to Scott and Tania. Scott and Tania will ask the Deans to determine who will fill it out for each department. After filled out; who will it be sent to for upload to website: Jerry, Alice, or ?

Flow Charts

Molly said there is a need for a lot of follow-up. She will need to have conversations with each department to finalize details of the charts. Many groups didn't list pre-reqs. Some programs have more courses so are above 60 credits and don't fit on charts – Fire Science as an example. Tania asked Molly to send her these programs.

Next Meeting

At the next meeting, Jan. 30, agenda items should include:

Re-evaluate work groups

Add other tasks

Identify other concerns/issues

Submitted by Karen Leja