

Humboldt State University
Task Force on Increasing Student Success and Academic Excellence Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 12:00pm – 12:50pm, Harry Griffith Hall 217

Co-chair Dr. Scott Paynton called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, in Harry Griffith Hall 217.

Members present:

Peg Blake, Juan Cervantes, Beth Eschenbach, Conor Handley, Dale Oliver, Scott Paynton, Kristen Stegman-Gould, Paula Tripp-Allen, Rhea Williamson

Members absent:

Ramona Bell, Nancy Vizenor

Discussion:

The meeting began with members discussing varying ideas of the necessary components for student success. The group agreed that there are many factors to consider when defining student success as what one may consider an accomplishment may or may not be considered an accomplishment by another. This prompted discussion about the value of the different components that shape a student's success. In fact, some may feel that without succeeding in particular, crucial areas, other achievements may prove to be meaningless.

The point that so much of what is being considered and how opinions are formed is based on perception. The group agreed that unless perceptions are changed, they become realities.

There was a great deal of discussion about what our campus offers, what is unique about Humboldt County, the state of the economy, and how each of these things play a role in the success and retention of our students.

The group wants to find out more from students.

- How do students define success?
- What hinders their success?
- Who is responsible for their success?
- What contributes to their success?

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Group assignments:

The group was asked to please add thoughts, comments and/or additional questions to the group's google doc list of possible survey questions.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 11:00 am, Harry Griffith Hall 217

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm