

Partial Meeting Minutes for Human Development Committee February 19, 2020

Attending: Harvey Sterns, Ruth Nine-Duff, Laura Conley, Li-Huey, Mark McMannus

Called to order: 1: 02p

Position Appointments:

Chair: Harvey Sterns

Vice Chair: Mark McMannus

Secretary: Laura Conley

Goals: This committee is to support issues of human development across campus. Current focus- Child Care availability, continuation of UA as an Age Friendly University (AGHE), City of Akron Initiative as an Age Friendly City, Tri-County Senior Olympics, review and recommend all support mechanisms for UA nontraditional/adult students and inform campus community.

- 1) Tri-County Senior Olympics; mid April-May 2020. Grant and donation funds available for seed money. Locations all across area
- 2) Age Friendly Akron: Partners are City of Akron, Ohio AARP, Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities,, The University of Akron, Senior Citizen's Commission to Mayor and City Council. Surveys were sent end of December to 3,000 residents . 673 have been returned. Encoding and analysis is a joint project of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology and The Bliss Institute. There will be focus groups offered in all 10 city wards during March and April. Results of survey and focus groups to be initially reported at Senior Summit in May.
- 3) UA Age Friendly initiatives; support of nontraditional/adult students at UA, including 60+ audit and credit students through UA Adult Focus;
 - a) All services based on CAEL's (Council for Adult & Experiential Learning) **Ten Principles for Effectively Serving Adult Students** which provides areas of focus that enhance adult student retention and completion.
 - b) Maintains strong collaborative relationships with community partners; Project Learn Summit County, Ohio Means Jobs Center, College Now Greater Cleveland ,Buckeye State Credit Union, Salvation Army allowing for growth and development of adult centric programming and scholarship opportunities.
 - c) Act as primary point of contact for potential, new and returning undergraduate adult, nontraditional and veteran students at The University of Akron.
 - d) Provide academic support to advisors and students utilizing the holistic approach; combining academics with financial, employment and family concerns.
 - e) Provide information and explanation, navigating the financial aid process,
 - f) Adult centric academic advising and advocacy.
 - g) Open 50 hours/week Monday-Thursday until 7:00 pm Friday until 5:00 p. including an adult centric computer lab and study lounge with technical support.
 - h) Works across the campus and outside community to identify and remove as many barriers as possible which prevent adults from completing their educational goals at The University of Akron.

- i) Center for information and referral for PLA on campus (by-pass credit, credit by exam, AP credit, CLEP, and portfolio review.
- j) Increases persistence and retention by building relationships and engagement opportunities specific to adult student population; UAAL (UA Adult Learners) recognized student organization, ASL (Alpha Sigma Lambda) honorary society for adult learners, scholarship application events etc..
- k) Increases persistence and graduation by promoting and administering adult centric scholarship-s for both full time and part time adult students.(over \$143,000 academic year 2019-2020.
- l) Developed, in collaboration with Project Learn Summit County (adult literacy partner), **Access to College Success** initiative; three ten-week sessions, for potential, new, returning and continuing students who need math “brush up”. Completely free of charge, it brings students on campus, into a classroom environment, and helps eliminate as much developmental math coursework as possible, shortening cost and time to degree.
- m) Working on four (4) concurrent initiatives to return students to school by helping to eliminate or help navigate barriers such as past due balances, academic concerns, Standards of Academic Progress (SAP), and locating funds for those who are no longer able to receive financial aid.
- n) Promotes and administers 60+ Program for audit and credit.