Student Affairs
All-Staff Meeting
August 27, 2015
Mission

The Division of Student Affairs, in support of the University’s mission, empowers students to be engaged citizens through fostering their development of lifelong skills by creating and supporting a rich learning environment in a community of care and mutual respect.
Goals

ENGAGE: Collaborate to create a vibrant student-centered environment supporting student learning, engagement, service, and leadership while preparing students to contribute to a global society.

ENCOURAGE: Create a culture of care for all students which encourages student success.

ENRICH: Cultivate opportunities to enrich the student experience and the University’s rich traditions in celebration of diversity, service, life-long learning and Spartan Pride and serve as wise stewards of University resources.
Selected 2014-15 Highlights

• **1,020 students** were registered with OARS – a 19% increase from last year.

• **323 activities and programs** were implemented by Campus Activities and Programs over the course of the year; 116 of these occurred on weekends (86% of attendees at these events were on campus residents).

• More than **10,000 unique users** accessed the Campus Recreation Center; 4,275 of these were residential students.

• **61% of students** accessed programs and services from the Career Services Center.

• The Career Services Center collaborated with **186 partners** across campus for programming (75% increase from previous year).
Selected 2014-15 Highlights

• More than 2,400 students “in distress” sought support from the Dean of Students office with issues ranging from personal to family to relationship to academic concerns.

• EUC Staff coordinated 8,535 reservations for meeting space in the EUC and 1,309 for outdoor spaces. The EUC received almost 1.5 million visits.

• Residence hall programs, RAs, and student leaders received 29 state awards, 11 regional awards, and one national award.

• HRL Staff sponsored 1,840 programs (including four related to Global Engagement – QEP).
Selected 2014-15 Highlights

• The Office of Leadership and Service Learning’s (OLSL) Leadership Challenge program saw a participation growth of 23% over previous year; overall completion rate increased by 3%.

• OLSL’s Peer Educators delivered 69 leadership workshops to student groups (13% increase over previous year). Modules included leadership and civic engagement.

• More than one million service hours were recorded by OLSL!!!

• New Student and Spartan Family Programs saw a 194% increase in attendance at Family Weekend based on the move away from Homecoming to six weeks after the semester began.
Selected 2014-15 Highlights

• The Wellness Center provided 170 programs with the majority of programs focused on sexual misconduct, nutrition, eating disorders, and body image.

• The Counseling Center experienced a 56% increase in urgent and crisis appointments and a 9% increase in appointments.

• More than 175 partnerships were established by the Office of Multicultural Affairs that led to the realization of events, programs, and activities related to multicultural issues.

• 54 students were referred by the Dean of Students Office to PATHS (Partners Assisting Homeless/Hungry Spartans) that is coordinated by the Wesley-Luther Ministry affiliated with the University.
Selected 2014-15 Highlights

• More than **10,000 unique individuals** used the Student Health Center.

• 6700 pounds of food was distributed by the Spartan Open Pantry with an expectation that more than six tons will be distributed this year.

• 24 pounds of this food was actually grown right here on campus in a garden behind the ACM Building. We could do this in our own yards and donate surplus to the Pantry!

• Key partners with the Pantry are Student Affairs departments and staff – Let’s keep it up!
What’s New for Student Affairs in 2015-16?

- New Chancellor – Dr. Frank Gilliam
- Record freshman class and transfer students who need us!
- University strategic planning process will continue with our engagement and our Division and departmental planning processes will follow.
- The Office of Multicultural Affairs is now the Office of Intercultural Engagement.
- The Veterans’ Resource Center is firmly established with a full time coordinator position to be filled in the near future.
- New Student and Spartan Family Programs is being relocated to Enrollment Management as of September 1st.
What’s New for Student Affairs in 2015-16?

• Phase II of Spartan Village planning is well underway and ground will be broken soon.

• Grogan Hall is now renovated and open. No residence halls are currently closed for renovation AND we are over-flowing!

• Elliott University Center’s refurbishment is now complete.

• Development functions are being coordinated out of the Vice Chancellor’s Office by a committee of dedicated volunteers.

• Parent advocacy is now a responsibility of the Dean of Students Office.

• Terrific collaborations across departments both in and outside of Student Affairs.
What’s New for Student Affairs in 2015-16?

• Video segments of students/alumni/staff talking about their career mindsets to be used in a new “news feed” out of Career Services
• There is a “formal” communications work group that will coordinate marketing across the Division.
• Enhanced staff development programs
• Vice Chancellor’s Vision Fund Grants (funded by donors who care about innovative and cutting edge programs)
• Fraternity and Sorority Life Task Force
• Named Vet Friendly Campus once again by national magazine
What’s New for Student Affairs in 2015-16?

• Two new positions in our Counseling Center – funded in part from the new campus safety fee
  1. Substance abuse counselor
  2. Additional 10 month counselor
• Spartan Recovery Program for our students in recovery
• New Training Programs – TransZone, GreenZone and Recovery Zone
• We have a new Adaptive Technologist Specialist position in Accessibility Resources and Services – a new permanently established position!
What’s New for Student Affairs in 2015-16?

• Phenomenal and growing student activities from CAP.
• The new Campus Recreation Center will open summer 2016.
• Year of preparation for our 125th Anniversary as an institution
• And of course, all of the new staff introduced today! Welcome!
Strategic/Innovation Team 15-16

Why? Significant trends are affecting our work:
1. Shrinking resources
2. Changing demographics and increased competition for “top” students
3. Political environment
4. Calls for accountability from the public (value of a degree/rising costs)
5. Technology
6. Increasing mandates at both federal and state levels

The time is now to reframe who we are, why we are here, and what we will be in the future in support of the evolving University Strategic Plan!

Volunteers Needed – Submit a brief statement (no more than a page) as to why you would like to serve on this team by September 11th!
So, as I look back and we all move forward . . .

• SA is a vital and integral part of the University.
• SA is a valuable resource for students.
• SA is a valuable resource for faculty.
• Faculty will be committed to what we do in SA.
• SA and students are partners in University governance.
• SA leadership is shared and inclusive.
• SA staff are committed to supporting each other as well as students.
• SA staff will celebrate the successes of each other and of students.
• Students’ expectations will match their participation in SA programs and use of services.
• SA staff are role models for students.
2015-16 HAPPY NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

Or rather, keep going!