Enrollment is at 9374; 1.2% increase over the same time last year. Freshman numbers are down from last year; transfer numbers are level. Good news is that returning students are up. Retention is at 62.9%, still not the 65% that we were at, but up from last year.

On-line evaluations for Fall I for Undergraduate is 17%; Graduate is 41%. Lower than we would like. Concerns about response rate:
  Originally the evaluation was to be tied to reviewing grades. However, according to our policy, we do evaluations 14 days prior to exam week. This should be reviewed by Faculty Welfare and Development and Faculty Senate. There needs to be a push to students to complete the evaluations.

Approval for Credit Hour Banking Policy. Faculty can bank credit hours gained through things such as independent studies, internships, and things outside their normal load. Once they have reached the designated level they will be able to either receive a cash pay-out or course reduction. This is not to be retro; implementation date of 1/1/14.

COOL – close to issuing call for course proposals.

Student workers must be limited to 20 hours per week. This is a total of all student working hours in the event they are working in several areas.

Athletics – call for academic progress reports will go out on October 7, 2013.

We have received a call from Georgetown looking for any faculty, from different disciplines, that have experience with disaster relief. Please send any names to the Provost Office. Some of the effort may be contractual and some volunteer.

Merit-based scholarship:
  Freshman – certain SAT/ACT score and designated high school GPA
  Transfer students – that come in with designated GPA
Nothing allows incoming freshman that do not qualify for the merit-based scholarship to move from regular admit to merit-based student in their second year. Starting next year, for the students that came in without merit-based scholarship, but as freshman have reached the GPA of our transfer students, they will be awarded the merit-based scholarship.

FYI – not official, will go to BOT next week. Proposal for students that complete their programs in 3 years. Generally high performance students such as students that successfully completed AP classes in high school or the Scholars Academy students. These students that complete their program in 3 years will be given a Trustees Scholarship which means that when the student walks across the stage at Commencement they will be given a check for $5,000. The opportunity to complete a
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degree in 3 years will be left up to the individual programs. Not all programs will be suited for this. The freshman must declare their intent to graduate in 3 years at the beginning of their freshman year.

- Summer School on-line classes will remain in-state tuition. This applies to Undergraduate only. Does not apply to internships.

- Meet with the CAFÉ group and had good discussion.

- Question was asked regarding PEG for Lecturers. Currently there is not a pool of money set aside for Lecturers. Realizing that there are a number of Lecturers with terminal degrees that do research, particularly in the sciences, this should be brought to Faculty Welfare and Development for consideration.

- Pay attention to the Public Safety Announcement regarding the center lane. Tickets will be given for passing a shuttle if you cross the double line.

Dr. Conner (Vice President for Student Affairs)

- Every office should consider the Safe Zone Training. You can enroll online. If there is an office/group/department that would like training for their group, notify Counseling Services and they will schedule a time.

Ms. Woodsby (Disabilities Coordinator)

- With the number of freshman that require Disability Services, particularly testing, increasing, we need to be aware of the procedure for scheduling test with the Testing Center. Ms. Woodsby is available to meet with departments to review the procedures for scheduling test.

Ms. Sherfesee and Ms. Silver (HREO)

- Power Point address:
  - Organizational structure
  - HREO Policies
  - New Unclassified Titles
  - Affordable Care Act
  - Recruitment
  - Search Team Training
  - Interview Stream
  - People Admin Update
Mr. Lawless (University Registrar)

- Power Point address:
  - Midterm Grading
  - Spring/Summer 2014 Advance Registration
  - Online Ordering of Transcripts

- Question was asked regarding online students and reporting absences. This is being looked into.

- The number of absences cannot be shared with parents.

- Question regarding students that enroll in a class with a prerequisite and the student does not make the required grade with the prerequisite class. Is there something that can be done to block the student from enrolling in the class? This is a programming issue that will be looked into.

Dr. Byington adjourned the meeting. Next Provost Council is November 6, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Johnson Auditorium.