



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday September 29, 2023

- 1) Overview of survival model – Ben Smith
 - UNO currently has a 50% Graduation rate
 - Survival model results indicate that:
 - Students who enroll early are more likely to enroll in their sophomore year
 - Students with higher high school GPAs are more likely to enroll in their sophomore year
 - Students in TLC or Goodrich are more likely to enroll in their sophomore year
 - Students taking more in-person classes are more likely to enroll in their sophomore year
- 2) 1st Year Experience to 2nd Year Experience – Ben Smith
 - UNO students are very complex with different backgrounds – need to find a way to make students feel connected.
 - Factors that could be related to # of days before:
 - Student characteristics (organized/disorganized, unsure)
 - Financial Shock – bills shows up before Financial Aid is applied
 - External Factors – Family Reasons
 - Where can students reflect on General Education experience, how are courses related to other things (major, like skills etc.)
- 3) Gen Ed models:
 - Common elements
 - Similar disciplines (buckets for courses)
 - Skills emphasis
 - What are the common threads on Gen Ed courses to re-enforce skills
 - How can Gen Ed be more flexible for transfer students, students with higher skills, students with a lot of Dual Enrollment credit.
 - Offer a 2 cr hr Life Skills course (1st year experience course and another course at the tail end of students education)
 - Create a 15 minute video on major & General Education experience for the major

Next Steps:

Feedback from colleges about foundational elements of general education

Ged Ed Model discussion – identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities – additional questions/obstacles.