

## **Ad Hoc Student Academic Support Committee Executive Summary of Annual Report 2004-2005**

Submitted by Mohammad S. Bazaz, Chair

### **Membership:**

Faculty: Mohammed Bazaz (School of Business Administration) *Chair*, Scott Crabill (Rhetoric, Communication & Journalism), Rasul Chaudhry (Biological Sciences), Ann Pogany (Library), Joel Russell (Chemistry).

Ex-Officio: Ron Sudol, Associate Provost, Mary Beth Snyder (Vice President for Student Affairs), and David Tindall (Advising Representative).

Due to low utilization, the Academic and Career Advising Committee and the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee have been merged into an ad hoc Student Academic Support Committee (SASC). SASC was approved by the Steering Committee and announced at the last Senate meeting of 2004. SASC was a temporary committee set up to investigate if it would be possible to have a single committee do the tasks previously assigned to the two above mentioned Senate committees. If a single committee was deemed adequate, then the primary order of business was to prepare a charge and suggest a membership structure.

After several meetings, the SASC members proposed establishing a new committee called Student Academic Affairs Committee (SAAC). This name later was changed by the Senate to the Student Academic Success Committee (SASC).

The Student Academic Success Committee has six faculty members, serving staggered three-year terms; President of Student Congress; one additional undergraduate student; one graduate student; and *ex officio* non-voting members: Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, Dean of Students or designee, and Professional Advisers' Council designee. The objective of SASC is to promote the academic success of students by considering, evaluating, and recommending policies and procedures in the areas of advising, financial aid, registration, admissions, student life, career development, and any other areas of student academic interest that may be brought before it. The establishment of the new Student Academic Success Committee was presented to the Senate at its April 2005 meeting. The committee was unanimously approved by the senators.

The Student Academic Support Committee started its work on December 7, 2004. Since then it has held five monthly meetings (December 04-April 05). At these meetings, various student related issues were discussed:

- Coordinating resources with Macomb University Center?
- Mission Statement for Academic Advising
- Athletics and Exams
- Allocation of learning spaces
- Advance Course Scheduling

- Availability of OU students' high school information such as GPA and math test scores.
- OU student retention and graduate rating in comparison with national statistics
- Learning impact and frequency of class meeting: two-days vs. three-days/week class meetings.

Serious discussions ensued on the above issues. However, no conclusions have emerged as yet. Further discussions will continue in the next academic year.