1. **Low-Income Subcommittee Update**
   Kim Sandlin reported on the low-income subcommittee focus groups. Student comments will be provided to the council for review. Further discussion and determination of appropriate action steps will take place at the February Retention Council meeting. (See attached.)

2. **SEAS Update/Changes**
   Kim Sandlin and David Wright reported on SEAS, highlighting system adjustments that have been made and are under consideration per feedback from meetings with the colleges and faculty. Discussion was introduced regarding how to encourage wider adoption of SEAS across the university. David Wright will provide fall 2017 data for council review at the February meeting.

3. **SEM Goal 3 Update**
   Rick Muma provided a review of SEM Goal 3 including the outcomes for the 16-17 AY. Council members were asked to prepare potential new goals and tactics for SEM Goal 3. A compilation of those goals/tactics will be shared at the February meeting with sights on creating the next iteration of the university retention plan and determining which initiatives should be added to the university SEM plan. David Wright will provide further data on the increase in retention of underrepresented minority students at the February meeting. (See attached.)

4. **As may arise:**
   a. Dotty Harpool reported about her positive experience teaching a First Year Seminar (FYS). Rick Muma reported the retention rate of the fall 2016 cohort of FYS students was 81.1% compared to the university rate of 73.0%. The Faculty Senate will be considering this data during spring 2018 as the next step in deciding whether the FYS will be required for all new freshman.

   b. Tonya Baldwin brought the travel ban to the attention of the council and recommended that any students with questions should be directed to the International Education office.