

Minutes

January 24th, 2014 CUA A Meeting

Introduction of all present: Jeremy Rowan – CAS; Connie Boronat – UE/Retention & Grad Success; Valerie Morgan -- UE/BBC; Rebekah Schulze – Office of Scholarships & Fellowships; Gabriela Estevez – Office of Study Abroad; Craig McGill – NACADA State Representative; Shimon Cohen – Social Work; Brandi Haddock – Dietetics & Nutrition; Luis Bohorquez – Nursing; Miguel Sahagun – UE/Adv. Tech.; Jacky Diaz – CAS Advising Center; Stephen Anderson – UE/Professional Development for Advising; Hazel Hooker – UE/AAC; Hugo Jimenez – UE; Charlie Andrews – UE Academic Advising Center; Gabriella Gillespie – Hospitality; Neelam Mahmood – Transfer & Transition services; Jamie Perez -- NSE; Lily Solorzano -- Honors College; Francisco Marrero – Journalism & Mass Comm; Janie Valdes – UE; Mario Sanchez – Engineering & Computing; Margie Leonard -- Business.

Presentations:

- Connie Boronat – 39 students on 3/5 year map campus-wide. 707 alerts triggered for students off track due to inadequate number of credits; students should be moved to 3/5 year maps if they are not taking enough credits to be on track for current major map. Major Maps will be due Friday, February 28th (4 and 5 year FTIC, and 2 and 3 year AA transfer). Tool for uploading maps that allow you to mark as pending. Alerts will be due April 25th for all major map alerts.
- Miguel Sahagun – Update from Technology subcommittee; Develop a work plan to create best practices for online advising; Workshop on Feb 5th for advising online students. In March, they will have a follow-up meeting with advisors on what worked and did not work. Then they will present findings to CUA A in April. New way to make appointments with online students – chat availability for fully online students only. Recommendation to have a Workshop for advisors centered on eAdvisor Dashboard at the Spring Advisors Forum in March. Query training on how to work with tables and filters for advisors.
- Policies & Procedures subcommittee will include Valerie, Charlie, Shimon, Brandi, Craig. Will be meeting soon.
- Charlie Andrews – Representing Korrin from Orientation; Required Transfer Virtual Orientation. Separate from fully online orientation done through FIU Online. Way of providing some form of orientation for transfers. Only ½ of transfer students typically go through orientation. Mimic what transfer students would get from a live orientation. Working with outside company to develop modules. Fee of 40 dollars or so – not sure if the fee will be automatically placed on students or if they will pay as they register. RTO hold on all transfer students and will only be released once they've completed virtual orientation and paid fee. Round 1 will just be general information, in future rounds colleges may have more input. After April 1st is when this will be implemented. After students complete the virtual session it will give them the option to sign up for an advising session. Options determined by college. For example, they can then come in for something similar to a traditional face-to-face transfer orientation. "Group Advising," Charlie also suggested putting "Registration" in the title to drive students to attend/participate. Possibility down the line to have certain dates for smaller colleges as opposed to offering students opportunity to come to all dates. There will not be additional fee for "group advising,"

if they've already paid for the virtual orientation. Potential problem if additional hold is placed on student specific to advising – how to coordinate lifting all those holds. Colleges should think about how to structure the second part (group advising). Also potential for students to not have access to enrollment appointment or eAdvisor until the RTO hold is lifted.

Announcements --

- Gaby from Study Abroad -- January 30th Study Abroad Fair from 10 to 3pm. Information sessions online using Adobe Connect. Nine students who got prestigious study abroad scholarships.
- Jamie from NSE -- NSE will be at Study Abroad Fair; Priority application deadline is February 20th. Information sessions currently going on.
- Craig reminded the group about the NACADA Webinar, LGBTQ Ally Development for Academic Advisors, PCA180 2PM next Thursday, Jan. 30th.
- Miguel – Mass messages from system can be sent on behalf of advisor. For example for cohort lists. Just email advtech with the message and group you would like to target.
- Steve – Results from Advisor survey will be discussed at Prof Advisor meeting. Conducted 2nd quarter audit, advisors received emails with feedback about their progress with PDUs, etc. Should be at 58 percent but at are 45 percent – but the program did start later than originally planned and data also includes new advisors who have just started and have not begun participating and inputting data. Education & Engineering are above average at this point. Exactly 50% of the advisors are where they should be or higher. Many advisors are not inputting information so numbers many not reflect true picture. Encouragement to have advisors input data immediately.
- Valerie – Common reading committee is actively seeking suggestions for a common reading novel for next year. Something that deals with transition issues and global learning, please email Valerie.
- Janie – Hiring a Fostering Panther Pride Success Coach who will work with foster students. Currently have a few finalists for the position. Partnership between FIU and community donors who see need for foster students. Fluctuate between 45 and 75 students who have officially been identified by Financial Aid.
Lourdes Acevedo has taken a position at UCF to be closer to family. Will be working as a Bridge Advisor at Valencia Community College. Tiffani Tallon is the interim contact for Invitational Scholars.
- Charlie – reminder about the regional NACADA conference in Savannah. Funds may be available from UE . 140 registration fee by beginning of March. Conference hotel rooms are about 150 a night or so. Stephen Anderson shared that he is lobbying for at least one conference for 9702 advisors per year, possibly even 2 a year. Also lobbying for more guaranteed funding if you are presenting at the conference. Look out for communication about funds from UE for the regional conference. Drive-in in May in Tampa.

Next meeting: February 14th <3

Meeting adjourned, 2:45.