

Council of Undergraduate Academic Advisors (CUAA)

Friday, September 19th, 2014

Present: Arelene Garcia (Retention & graduation); Tiana Solis (Engineering); Charlie Andrews (UE Advising); Brandy Haddock (Dietetics & Nutrition); German Cruz (Registrar's Office); Kevin Coughlin (Registrar's office); Aisha Williams (Architecture); Mariaelena Zimmerman (CARTA); Henry Cheng (OneStop); Jorge DeVarona (Enrollment Services); Randy (Admissions); Veronica Diaz (Financial Aid); Stephen Anderson (UE Acad. Adv. Prof Dev); Vanessa Merine (Transfer & Transition Services); Jeremy Rowan (Arts & Sciences); Shimon Cohen (Arts & Sciences); Jacky Diaz (Arts & Sciences); Amy Kay (Orientation); Hugo Jimenez (Acad. Adv. Technology); Martha Vazquez-Syms (Education); Francisco Marrero (Journalism & Mass Communications); (Business).

AGENDA

- Provost's Student Success Cabinet
 - Breaking down silos and focusing on student success. Things being considered include mandatory advising in some fashion – will vary by unit. Also, what advisors are doing to reach out to students who are not enrolling and how they are worked with by advisor monitoring them on their caseload. This speaks to 1st year to 2nd year retention goals. Administration is focused and committed on removing barriers from students who are trying to graduate.
- Post-Enrollment Requisite Checking (PERC)
 - Dr. Coughlin – late Spring 2014, Registrar's office put together group of people to pilot test target courses in PERC. Wanted 97.5% success. Social Work courses had 100% agreement. Second pilot test was run in summer for expanded courses. Once again PERC had 100% success. 18 students identified being enrolled in courses not qualified for. Worked with OneStop on contacting these students and helping them. Substantial # of enrollments marked as inappropriate on 3rd test using UCC courses. Agreement rates went down to just under 50%. Courses that seemed to account for all problems were Chemistry and Math courses. Issue with ALEKS placement test. Disagreement upon expiration date for ALEKS. 4th pilot study to come in Spring 2015. Broaden use of PERC to include other colleges. PERC study will provide information as to who is in courses and whether or not they are qualified to be in those courses. PERC will shine spotlight into course file as developed in PeopleSoft and how courses are programmed into Peoplesoft (vs wording in catalog).
- GSI Cohort lists
 - Cohort lists sent out last week for Arts & Sciences students who may be able to graduate in the next semester. This week lists sent out to other colleges. Files assigned in Sharepoint. Advisors should reach out to these students and should discuss potential plans for graduation. Deadline for Fall 2014 graduation was today. Advisors should

discuss future planning for students not able to graduate this term. Advisors should log comments detailing the student's progress and what may be preventing them from graduating. Academic Advising Technology sent out message via dashboard on behalf of advisors. GSI grants still available – grants are mostly designed to pay for courses in Summer semester that will allow students to graduate that Summer. Charlie will look into this.

- Fall Advisors' Forum – Friday, October 24, 2014, 9am-12pm
--Advising Awards (Advisor of Year, New Advisor, Advising Partner?)
Qualtrics survey will be sent out for Advisor of the Year (more veteran advisor) and for New Advisor of the Year (fewer than 2 years at FIU). Nominations are encouraged for advisors across campus, not just in your unit. Also, suggestions for awards (like the Advising Partner/Friends of Advising award). Deadlines TBA – most likely a week before actual forum.
--Subcommittee will be meeting soon. If you are interested in working on the subcommittee, please let Charlie know as soon as possible. Subcommittee will be meeting soon to finalize planning. Keynote Speaker from Office of Dean of Students. Discuss how advisors how can help students in distress, students with signs for concern.
- NACADA – October 8-11, 2014 in Minneapolis, MN
Close to fifty 9702 advisors are being funded by UE to attend the NACADA conference. Charlie encourages attendees to bring back information and share resources with one another.
- Orientation Updates
Over 18 Freshman Orientation sessions, 4,200 students. 2,000 parents. Virtual Orientation – 3, 202 students have taken this to date. Can also come to Advising & Registration days – 17 of these days, 2,500 students attended.
Mandatory orientation for virtual transfer orientation on the horizon. President is supportive of this effort.
We should encourage Freshman students to attend Panther Camp as a way of helping transition to FIU and becoming more engaged. January 16, 17, 18.
- Updates from Colleges/Schools/Departments/etc.

-From Admissions: New Recruitment Viewbook for 2015 and possibly 2016 from Admissions. Upcoming Open House on Saturday, October 4th. Starts at 10am for parents and students. Resource Fair will begin at 11:30am to 2:00pm (everyone should be there from 11am to 2:30pm). BBC Open House is November 1st. Theme is "Journey around the World of FIU." Expecting 1500 students. Will be reaching out to students who have not completed applications or are missing application pieces.

-From OneStop Enrollment Services: Late Graduation Application available for students, requires advisor approval.

-From Financial Aid:

Medical appeals, when classes removed from transcripts, financial aid money will have to be returned to federal government. Refunds have to be returned to Cashier's office. For future terms they will only lose eligibility if they don't maintain standards.

1. If academically dismissed, student loses financial aid. When students submit reinstatement appeal paperwork, they must also submit supporting documentation for financial aid purposes (that demonstrate unforeseen circumstances).
2. 67% completion rate checked at end of Spring semester. Get percentage of credits earned including transfer courses.
3. Federal time frame. Government will only give them financial until they reach the 150% of credits needed to earn degree. (180 credits for students who require 120 credits for degree). Cannot be appealed.

Students repeating courses for 3rd time will not be covered.

Federal guidelines state that students must receive aid through Pell grants for their first degree. Talks about potentially creating a way of stopping students from taking courses not necessary for their degree and encouraging students to graduate when they've completed the requirements for that first degree.

-From Registrar's Office: Requesting proper communication to students about pre-requisites (ENC1101 and ENC1102) for Humanities with Writing courses in UCC. We either need to stop saying this is a pre-requisite or including it in the catalog (first going through approval process in Faculty Senate). Advisors and UCC are telling students ENC1101 and 1102 are pre-reqs although they are officially not. This is under discussion. Similar issues about ENC1101 placement based on high school gpa, but not being officially in catalog of Panthersoft.

Remaining Meetings Dates & Times for Fall 2014:

Friday, October 17, 2:00pm – 3:30 pm in GL 220

Friday, November 14, 2:00pm – 3:30pm in GL 220

Friday, December 12, 2:00pm – 3:30pm (location TBD but hopefully in GL 220)