

Council of Undergraduate Academic Advisors

October 17th, 2014

Present: Connie Boronat (Retention & graduation); Tiana Solis (Engineering); Charlie Andrews (UE Advising); Aisha Williams (Architecture); Jennifer Halpern (OneStop Enrollment Services); Stephen Anderson (UE Acad. Adv. Prof Dev); Vanessa Merine (Transfer & Transition Services); Shimon Cohen (Arts & Sciences); Jacky Diaz (Arts & Sciences); Martha Vazquez-Syms (Education); Valerie Morgan (Undergraduate Education); Angela Bullard (Business); Gabriella Estevez (Study Abroad); Luisa Havens (Enrollment Services); Janie Valdes (UE); Miguel Sahagun (UE Academic Advisor Tech Office); Francisco Marrero (Journalism & Mass Communications); Korrin Anderson (Orientation); Suzy Gomez (Study Abroad)

- Fall Advisors' Forum Updates – 112 people signed up. GC243 will be tight, will need extra chairs. Keynote Speaker – from Dean of Students office. Updates from Financial Aid, Retention & Graduation, Fostering Panther Pride. Awards will be presented as well as professional development recognition. Dr. Havens will provide live demo of College Scheduler.
- Advising Awards – Dean Robertson would like to develop a more comprehensive award program with 5-6 varied advising awards. To recognize individuals who are working towards student success and areas that would improve/address metrics areas. Those awarded in Fall forum could potentially present “best practices” at Spring forum. In development to potentially roll out Fall 2015. Ideas should be relayed to Charlie Andrews, also if you are interested in being involved in a subcommittee. Janie shared idea of taking award winners and nominating for NACADA awards as well.

- NACADA Takeaways – What can we do with information, skills, etc. gained via NACADA sessions? Tiana shared about effective habits of successful people applied to advising. We have to reflect and consider the reasons that lead students to not be successful. Start bottom up. She plans on using it on her own first and then applying it to the team. Craig shared Charlie Nutt’s insights in keynote address when referring to Tinto “Retention as the byproduct of a good educational experience.” Janie shared a great session on bridge advising, placing advisors in community college (similar to what we have at FIU). Janie in talks with Vanessa and transfer on developing a comprehensive transfer guide to develop with professional advisors. Elaine went to session on “drafting” support teams for our students. Expanding liaisons in support offices where advisors can more easily connect students with individuals in those offices. Alina Dominguez shared how to use guiding questions and Pinterest presentation on how to use Pinterest to help students make decisions (for example, related to transition to college in FYE and to career exploration). Charlie shared session about transformational leadership theory to try to help students through discover and redirection process of selecting a major. Also UCF session on Orientation and how to gather information prior to orientation. And a lot more!
- University-wide Advising Outcomes & Core Values – Charlie wants us all to come together and define what we want all our students to gain from academic advising experiences. Also, defining core values of the academic advising community. Charlie wants those who are interested to let him know if they’d like to be a part of this initiative.

- Spring Registration – Fall Mini Enrollment appts. will be up on Monday. Registration for Fall mini will be before Spring registration. Enrollment appts. for Spring will be between Nov 4 and Dec 14. **Tuesday, the 21st enrollment appointments for Spring will be posted, as will the course offerings for Spring.** Newly admitted students will be sent information via email sometime next week about excess credit surcharges. Jennifer Halpern will share this email with CUAA. Graduation late add requests are still being accepted. Advisors must sign off on the form for the student (Dean's level signature not needed).
- College Scheduler Updates – Live in test; will soft launch November 2nd. Within first month they will do official unveiling. At CUAA forum will do live demonstration. Other colleges have done soft launch (like Ohio State, Arizona State) and have been successful.
- Department Announcements & Updates –

 - Orientation: Numbers very low for Spring Transfer Orientation. They may cancel Advising & Registration days if numbers are too low, to be seen. Panther Camp open to transfers and potentially Fall students. Peer advisor and Panther Camp recruitment is gearing up. They would appreciate your input. Applications available online on Orientation website. Virtual transfer orientation will be updated, possible pilot with College of Business to use advising holds to make it mandatory.
 - National Student Exchange: Jamie is recruiting students for NSE; please refer students to her.

-Critical Classes: If students fail two classes results could be disastrous. If they fail English 30-50% will drop off. If they fail Math course, 20-40% drop out. With MGF1106 and ENC1101 -- If they fail only one 19% chance of dropping out, if they fail two it's 57%.

-Study Abroad –FIU pledged to increase the number of study abroad students, double it by 2020. So, advisors should be promoting it to their students. 6th Annual Welcome Back Reception on Wednesday October 1, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00pm

-Business will be moving to Mango soon in the next month. Advising will be on 2nd floor.

Adjourned.

Next Meeting:

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