

Council of Undergraduate Academic Advisors

November 14th, 2014

Present: Arlene Garcia (Retention & graduation); Charlie Andrews (UE Advising); Aisha Williams (Architecture); Shimon Cohen (Arts & Sciences); Jacky Diaz (Arts & Sciences); Gabriella Estevez (Study Abroad); Luisa Havens (Enrollment Services); Joann Marn (Dietetics & Nutrition); Wendy (OneStop); Luis Rodriguez (OneStop); Vicenta Shepard (Center for Academic Success); Jody Glassman (Undergrad Admissions); Angela Bullard (Business); Francisco Marrero (Journalism & Mass Comm)

- Charlie – Review & Highlights from Advisors Forum; Big picture idea of student success featured at advising forum. Advisors appreciated Financial Aid presentation. Need raised for more applied training on dealing with students in distress – case studies included. Arlene Garcia commented on the use of case studies in financial aid training provided by Financial Aid and Retention & Graduation. Down the line there may be financial aid alerts integrated into eAdvisor (of varying severity).
- Subcommittees – Charlie and/or Shimon will reach out to recruit people for the following:
 - If interested in helping out with Spring Advisors Forum, please reach out to Charlie. He will chair the subcommittee.
 - Technology
 - Transfer
 - Policy
- MyCourse Scheduler Updates from Dr. Havens – 2500 students uses it in the first 72 hours. 4583 unique total users have accessed the system, some multiple times. Seniors do not seem to be using it as much. Interested in seeing what will happen once juniors and other underclassmen start registering. Social media push to follow in

future as well as registration reminders. Promotional materials will most likely be produced as well. Will work with Valerie Johnson in A & S to look at data from optimizer to see enrollment trends and patterns related to availability.

- Admissions – Will present at next month’s CUA meeting. But, did share that there will be changes to scholarship requirements to allow students to use the summer to earn credits towards the scholarship credit requirements (with a minimum of 12 per semester and a strong recommendation to attempt 15 credits). 30 required each year but students can take advantage of summer for acceleration and possibility of earlier graduation. Also, students who are here for first semester are receiving a positive, encouraging email from Admissions. Above 3,400 students already admitted for Fall. Numbers look good to meet admission goals for this cycle.
- Updates from Retention & Graduation Success by Arlene Garcia – Financial aid workshops on MMC campus and BBC campus. If departments are interested in getting individualized workshops, Tekla & Arlene will offer them.

-Lists coming soon. 1. Freshmen at risk of losing financial aid. Not meeting Pell criteria or Bright Futures criteria. High failure courses may generate an additional list to students in these courses who are Bright Future recipients. 2. List of freshmen who did not enroll for Spring. 3. Seniors who should be close to graduation.

*Suggestion from Angela to make a Financial Aid presentation required in SLS like the Academic Advising portion.
- AIP Program from Vicenta Shepard – Vicenta supervises reading and learning – make sure student understand how to study and disciplinary reading. Tutoring Symposium

occurred in October. AIP modeled on work done at the middle and secondary level in MDCPS. Started small several years ago with Exploratory groups on a volunteer basis. Feedback was very positive, students learned about how to plan and balance life/work and improve study skills. Pilot later done with Dietetics & Social Work students. All 6 who participated were back in good academic standing. Program works to identify needs and provide interventions tailored to their needs. Teaching students how to interact with faculty, work/life balance, study skills, tutoring. Now working with Arts & Sciences Chemistry students ranging from 2.0-2.25 (71 of them). Students had holds placed on them and had to come into meet with the advisors. Program will launch in Spring 2015.

- New UCC – State mandated a 36 credit hour (30 of which is common) curriculum. 5 categories that every institution has – Math, Communication, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Under Humanities there are 6 courses that are required by the State. The other category is institution-specific. College Algebra is now part of the Math category (under State required). Two things to note – students must take a MAC, MGF, or MTG prefix. Trying to get MAC1140 added to the requirements. Students need two maths – but if they take a course from bottom list who has a course on top as a pre-req they can choose another from the bottom (to include the one they already took). Students will need two Gordon-Rule Writing courses (GRW); currently they are looking at adding courses designated as GRW. Department will submit courses they think will apply.
- Business advising will be moving to 2nd floor MANGO December 12th.

- Next week International Education Week. Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 18th in GC.

Adjourned 3:45pm.

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 12, 2PM to 3PM