Undergraduate Advising Council Thursday, September 27, 2012 11:00 am – noon, AAC Conference Room

Minutes

Meeting began at 11:00 am with 44 in attendance in a room not meant to hold 44 bodies.

As this was the first meeting of the Fall semester, officers were installed. Robin Rossie as chair, Kari Ward as Communications Committee chair, Maureen Cox as Professional Development chair, and Karen Bray as Campus Affairs Committee chair.

Kari reported that the next electronic newsletter should be pushed out in early October soon after the NACADA conference. Maureen reported the advising conference was set for January 25th in Emerson Alumni Hall. All present were encouraged to connect with committee chairs to become involved with committees of interest.

Roxanne answered follow-up questions from the live/webcast presentation on the Excess Hours Surcharge. Updates include an ISIS page that displays all attempted hours and those hours that are currently considered exempt from the excess hours total, pending program completion. An expected enhancement to registration prep (October) will link to FAQs regarding excess hours policies. ROTC and certificates credits are to be exempt; the process is not yet automated but is in the works. It was recommended that dual major/dual degree program approval forms be updated to include general information about excess hours, in particular that there is a program completion requirement for exemption of credits.

Clarification of policies for inactive students who are readmitted was provided. Those who entered a Florida institution FTIC prior to 2009 will not have the excess hours policy apply to them upon readmission. Those who entered 2009-2011 will follow their original or current policies. Those who enter 2012 or later must follow the current policies in place for the term they are readmitted.

There was discussion about the desire for research and thesis hours to be added to the list of exclusions.

Action Item: Roxanne will find out who the UF liaison is so we can communicate the desire to add research and thesis hours to the list of exemptions.

There was general discussion about the HUM2305 What is the Good Life course.

Transfer student issues with HUM2305: Transfer students enter UF with the current catalog year assigned. Transfers who enter with the AA will not have HUM2305 as a degree requirement (this includes high school/AA admits). Transfers whose real catalog year is prior to 2012, and the advisor

resets their catalog year to a year prior to 2012 in compliance with rules of continuous enrollment, will not have HUM2305 as a degree requirement but they must meet all degree requirements for that catalog year. Transfers whose real catalog year is prior to 2012 but the College requires the student to adopt the current catalog year will have HUM2305 waived as a degree requirement – advisor must notify Roxanne and she will manually enter the waiver. Transfers who are enrolled in fully-online programs will not have HUM2305 as a degree requirement (policy to be revisited in the event HUM2305 becomes available online).

Freshman student issues with HUM2305: Freshmen are monitored for successful completion of HUM2305 at the end of the first year. Jeff Citty indicated that there is the potential for HUM2305 to be optional for Innovation Academy students if their college supports a waiver.

There was brief discussion of the state-wide Common Core General Education initiative expected to be implemented in 2014, of which there are few details emerging. Dr. Mair is the UF liaison to the state-wide committee.

Action Item: Robin Rossie will meet with Dr. Mair regarding possible UAC involvement/input.

Jeff Citty and Jaime Gresley gave an update on the incoming class: 334 IA students admitted and confirmed via tuition deposit with 312 through Preview. Information about IA will be included in an upcoming edition of Newsweek. A kickoff similar to freshman convocation is planned for January; they would appreciate volunteers. If you want to send an email to your IA sudents, Steve Pritz maintains email lists of IA students for each college.

Jaime Gresley announced in addition to IA frosh, 15 non-IA freshmen will be entering in Spring. They will attend Transfer Preview and have supplemental presentations relevant to freshmen.

Meeting adjourned at noon. Location of future meeting TBA but general consensus is that more space is needed.