**ACUA Meeting Minutes**

**February 5, 2019, 1:30-3:00pm**

**Marston Library – MSL 136**

1. Welcome (Dr. Angela Lindner)
2. Dean of Students – Updates (Dr. Heather White) – See PowerPoint for further details
   1. Health & Wellness
      1. There has been an increase in the number of homeless students.
      2. uMatter – There is a need for more academic input along with student group input.
   2. Title IX Regulations

There are significant changes regarding sexual harassment allegations that narrow the definition. A sexual assault survey will be completed this year (data will be compared with the last survey of 2015).

See the following links for more information on the proposed changes:

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/secretary-devos-proposed-title-ix-rule-provides-clarity-schools-support-survivors-and-due-process-rights-all>

<https://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/Comments-to-Education-Department-on-Proposed-Rule-Amending-Title-IX-Regulations.pdf>

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/What-Does-Higher-Ed-Have-to/245581>

1. COMPASS Updates (Dr. Tammy Aagard)
   1. Admission Applications - This year UF is expecting a class of 6,500 students (1/3 admitted in the summer, and 2/3 admitted in the fall). Over 9,000 applications were received and 22% expressed an interest in the Honors program.
   2. Financial Aid Awards – The freshman students will be awarded first (no later than March 1st), and continuing students will be ready after grades are entered in the spring.
   3. Turner Scholarships will now be available to transfer students.
   4. Admission Decisions - An email explaining this year’s admissions/selection process will be sent to high school guidance counselors (Tammy will send a copy of this email to the ACUA group for reference).
2. Academic Advising Survey Through Lobby Management (Dr. Angela Lindner)

A new academic advising survey through Gator360 Lobby Management is being developed. Students will have the opportunity to provide feedback on their experiences with advisors for both in-person and remote sessions. The survey will first be implemented in the College of Education and should be ready by mid-March. Some colleges (Journalism, Honors and Innovation Academy) have been using Lobby Management for their own automated surveys for several months and are happy with this format.

1. Pell Outreach Initiative (Dr. Angela Lindner) – Dr. Linder will send an email describing this initiative to the ACUA group.
2. Dual Degree Programs with other Universities (Dr. Angela Lindner)
3. HNR on Honors Sections (Dr. Mark Law)

Course offered in the Honors program will now include the acronym “HNR” at the beginning of the course name. This will help students identify honors section courses and will also show on the transcript. In addition, courses normally offered only to Honors students will now be available to students in other colleges.

Some concerns were raised from the group regarding whether this would give special consideration to students applying to medical school, and whether we need more control over what an honors section course should be (ex: Are they just smaller or more rigorous?).

1. Humanities Engagement Scholars Program (Dr. Barbara Mennel, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere)

The Humanities Engagement Scholar (HES) program offered by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere (<https://humanities.ufl.edu/>) was developed to promote student engagement in humanities. The program is open to undergraduate students from all majors as well as undecided, exploratory, and transfer students. Students interested in becoming a HES must complete the online application form found on the center’s website at: <https://humanities.ufl.edu/humanities-engagement-scholar/>. Upon submitting the application form students will be directed to the HES CANVAS site, where they will complete a 150-200 word statement of commitment.

1. Timely Graduation/Hospitality and Inclusion/Academic Integrity Focus-Area Groups Updates (Focus Group Members)

-Tabled until the next meeting in March.

1. Items from the Floor

\*\* Reminder: ACUA Focus Areas for 2019 (Dr. Lindner and All)

* Advisory Role Focus Areas:
  + Creating and Nurturing a Culture of:
    - 4-Year Graduation
    - Hospitality and Inclusion
    - Academic Integrity