**ACUA Meeting Minutes**

**April 2, 2019, 1:30-3:00pm**

**Marston Library – MSL 136**

\*\* RSVPs (Unable to attend): Dr. Tammy Aagard, Dr. Leslie Pendleton, Dr. Chris Janelle, Dr. Mark Law, Dr. Curtis Taylor.

1. Welcome (Dr. Alex Sevilla)

The meeting began promptly as scheduled, and after a general introduction, Allison Gatsche introduced Nicole Raymond, who will begin the role as the new UAC Chair.

1. Focus-Area Groups Updates (Focus Group Members)
   1. Timely Graduation (Dr. Joe Spillane)

A chronological summary of the task force’s initiative was discussed (see attached handout for further information). Dr. Spillane feels that the goals of the task force were met, and the new Gator Done program will fulfill these efforts. However, it was recommended by the ACUA group that the task force continue to provide annual or bi-annual reviews of the data.

Questions/Comments:

* The group feels that we should be able to obtain the number of credits that students are taking each semester.
* Jennifer Setlow added that a report at the end of the second year would be more beneficial than a first-year report. She will be sending an email to the ACUA group with the details of a report that was compiled by her college. Within each focus group they looked by major and cohort year at whether students had completed 30 credits by the end of year one, 60 credits by the end of year two, and 90 credits by the end of year three.
* Dr. Weigold shared that his college compiled data which reflected that students who were taking 15 credits per semester were performing better than students taking 12 credits or less.
* Overall, we need a better understanding of what our data is showing. “Why are students not taking 30 credits?”
  1. Hospitality and Inclusion (Dr. Alex Sevilla)

\*Please see the handout provided for further details.

The workgroup began prior to the hiring of the new Chief Diversity Officer, Antonio Farias. Four areas of focus were identified: Prospective UF students, Current UF students, UF faculty, and UF staff. The workgroup selected UF students as the primary focus to target their recommendations. They will be meeting with Antonio soon to address the areas identified. The results of this meeting will be shared with ACUA in the fall.

Questions/Comments:

* The mandatory graduation survey would be a great place to include further questions on hospitality and inclusion. Currently, the results show high marks in this area.
* It would be beneficial to see a data comparison of the high-risk students (ex. minority students performing at higher levels vs those performing at lower levels) – What is their point of view?
* Dr. White referenced the BOT Customer Service Initiative and whether there would be a way to implement a similar idea.
* Dr. Hanson added that it would be more beneficial to survey students at the end of each semester rather than at graduation. Better results would be obtained every step of the way.
* Dr. Brendemuhl suggested that we incorporate this type of survey into the Quest program (Q1, Q2 and Q3).
  1. Academic Integrity (Dr. Joel Brendemuhl)
     1. The members of this focus group include Co-Chairs, Dr. Brendemuhl and Dr. White, along with several faculty, staff and students. The group will be meeting with Dr. Marchman next week and will draft recommendations for ACUA to review prior to presenting them to the Provost.
     2. The achievements/goals of the focus group:
        1. The new Orange Book (Honor Code) has significantly increased the percentage of incidents reported. The faculty have indicated that they are more pleased with the reporting process. Some concerns, however, are that students would still be able to provide a faculty evaluation after an incident.
        2. The focus group will be working to put together a standing “Academic Integrity Committee.”
        3. The focus is on becoming more proactive vs. reactive.

1. Items from the Floor
   1. Freshman Application Deadline (email from Dr. Aagard). It was suggested by Dr. Spillane that the deadline be moved to October 15th vs. November 1st. The group agreed that we should revisit this again at the next meeting, so this item will be included on the agenda in May.
   2. Dr. Hanson added that we should consult with Dr. Lindner about what kind of data we would like to see (campus-wide/overall), which would also support the ACUA focus groups. Dr. Lebo should be invited to a subsequent meeting to further discuss data collection in these areas.
   3. It was suggested by the group that we continue to devote one meeting each year to solely focus on the ACUA focus group updates.

\*\* 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

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