

Undergraduate Advising Council

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Minutes

Christine welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

There was an addition made to the March minutes by Dana Myers regarding the Graphic Design Certification. Minutes were then approved.

Speaker: Dr. Anthony DeSantis, Associate Dean of Students. Dean of Students Office. Division of Student Affairs. Anthony's email address is anthonyd@dso.ufl.edu. A brief bio of him is on the DSO executive team's web site at: <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/home/contact-us/executive-team>

Anthony introduced himself and asked those of us in the room to introduce ourselves. He said he wanted to give us updates from the Dean of Students Office (DSO). They include:

The Newell Hall Learning Commons opened on April 17, 2017. It is a 24/7 active learning environment for undergrads and graduate students. "It fosters academic interaction for the modern student." Taken from: <https://www.ufl.edu/Facilities/Facilities.asp?id=125>. Anthony said that the DSO runs it; it has 19 student managers who manage the facility. On its opening day, Newell hall had 5800 students go through the facility.

Historically it is the third oldest building on campus, with its history sited at: <https://newell.dso.ufl.edu/history/>
Now that the building has been renovated, its uses are for student collaboration, interaction, and rejuvenation!

It is open from 6am – 6pm for everyone; and has card entrance for registered students from 6pm – 6pm.

Dr. DeSantis suggested we ask our students what they think of this new commons area and let the DSO know!

The Field and Fork

From the Field and Fork Campus Food Program: it is a collaboration to create awareness about food insecurity and sustainable food practices. The program seeks to not only provide healthy food, but also educate Gators on how to make balanced food choices. Taken from: <http://fieldandfork.ufl.edu/>

Dr. DeSantis said that there have been 79,000 pounds of food donated this year (larger than last year). The pantry is located at 564 Newell Dive. Operating hours are at <http://fieldandfork.ufl.edu/the-pantry/>

The Pantry has non-perishable food items, toiletries, and occasional fresh produce from The UF Community Garden and Farm. (Farm and Gardens web site is at <http://fieldandfork.ufl.edu/the-farm-and-gardens/the-farm-and-gardens/>)

Anthony noted that Publix has been a tremendous supporter of the pantry, by their donations of food, products, etc. About 10% of our students experience food insecurity.

In the future, it is hoped that the pantry will be expanded one day to serve as a grocery store.

Dr. DeSantis noted that the office of **New Student and Family Programs** continues to expand in services and programs.

Gator Career Closet. The Gator Career Closet is a lending service where students can borrow professional clothing and accessories for up to seven calendar days. Taken from: <https://careerclaset.dso.ufl.edu/about/>. It is open to all UF students; you need a Gator 1 Card to utilize it. The Closet is located on the third floor of Peabody hall. 352 294 1261 and is open Monday through Friday from 10am- 2pm. Another service of this Closet is the ability to allow students to have their pictures (head shot) taken. Please see: <https://careerclaset.dso.ufl.edu/resources/headshot-sign-up/>. Another service to come will be online shopping!

Dr. DeSantis also talked about the programs and services for our **Veteran Students**.

Links to the following can be found at <http://www.veterans.ufl.edu/>

Collegiate Veterans Success Center

Collegiate Veterans Society

Office of Student Veteran Services

Anthony also gave us a handout of “talking points” so you can have it handy when a Veteran student comes into your office. Some highlights from this handout: Victoria Media has designated UF as the 2017 Military Spouse Friendly School. UF is ranked highly as one of the best schools in the US for veteran students! We are the best school for veterans in FL (and number 5 in the US).

Our veteran students will receive red/white/blue cords for commencement for their service recognition!

Please make sure to thank them for their service and the work they have done for our country!

On this talking points handout, it also talks about how we help veteran students at Transfer Preview and in orientations and programs.

It was noted that student veteran services are also available for UFO students.

Another growing office in the DSO is the DRC, **Disability Resource Center**.

Their web site can be found at; <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/> and we had their office come to speak at a prior UAC meeting this year.

Anthony noted that 2300 students have registered this year with the DRC (up from last year); and that the center has had eighty-two outreach events.

Committee reports:

Advising Certificate (Kat. kbeaty@ufl.edu):

Christine stated that there were no significant updates this month. The committee is still waiting for HR so we can use their system to get the certificates rolling.

Campus Affairs (Sophie. Sophie.spratley@essie.ufl.edu):

Sophie announced that the UAC May speaker would be the Center for Undergraduate Research. In addition, she is planning possible field trips to the Field and Fork, Gator Career Closet, etc.

Professional Development (Allison. agatsche@ece.ufl.edu):

Allison has been busy with discussions for her transition to next year’s Chair, as well as, planning committee summer events.

Communications (Karen. kbray@ufl.edu):

Karen reported that we are hoping to get the April 2017 *The UF Advisor* blog/newsletter out late this month or early May.

Preeminence Task Force (Larah Clark, Chair. Larah.clark@warrington.ufl.edu):

Christine reported that SGA presented their research findings and their summary of the fall 2016 student survey this past week to Dr. Lindner. Christine will email the UAC reps to ask them to follow up on some details. The next step for the task force will be to survey the academic advisors.

PaCE update (Nicole. nraymond@advising.ufl.edu):

273 confirmed PaCE so far (95 more than this time last year)

IA update (Brittany. bhoover@aa.ufl.edu):

306 have confirmed IA thus far, with 425 as the projected number

Semester plans are updated on the web site. A new course and new minor will be available.

Toby's update (tshorey@ufl.edu):

Toby is working on CLAS degree audits now. In the next few weeks, he will show the new audits to the CALS advisors

There will be massing training efforts for everyone on campus coming soon.

UAC Chair's report (Christine. crichmond@advising.ufl.edu):

There will be an update to the ONE.UF splash page around June 10 (mid-june).

You should have received an invitation from UFIC's Angela Miller. She also asked for any other suggestion for training from the UFIC.

The last "Take 30" task force meeting occurred. The PR class gave their presentations called, "Create YOUR Plan." They used some focus groups and talked mostly about advising and Preview. It was suggested that the strategy should be called something like creating your plan instead of using a number; due to the individual and unique circumstances for each student. A retention task force is also going on. More information regarding messaging with Preview. Meeting with Dr. Lindner will happen next week.

Allison and Christine have met with two students who are interested in being on the student advisory board and part of the UAC meetings. They are both interested in getting into higher education. Eni will be stepping down at the end of Spring.

Faculty retreat (Christine has handouts). UF Quest—years 1, 2, 3 were discussed. Dr. Lindner is presenting to Faculty Senate today; summarizing it there.

Christine sent out-NACADA Scholarships. Applications are due by May 15. Announcements will be made by early June.

Christine will try to get us the Preview workbook; it will be helpful as an electronic version; the academic side of it.

From the Associate Deans meeting, there was a discussion of the Graduate Candidate Identification System (by the College of Engineering). This system is a database using information to view potential graduate degree applicants (GPAs,

hours earned, majors, institutions, etc.). Information can be uploaded and used by members of the system. A possible use may be for transfer applicants

Christine adjourned the meeting at 4:11pm