

Council of Associate Deans (CAD) Minutes
September 2, 2014
226 Tigert Hall

Present: Tammy Aagard, Amy Blue, Joel Brendemuhl, Peggy Carr, Tom Dana, Linda Haddad, Stephanie Hanson, Chris Janelle, Angela Lindner, Bernard Mair, David Pharies, Brian Ray, Ed Schaefer, Jen Day Shaw, Joe Spillane, Nancy Waldron, and Michael Weigold

Absent: Dan Connaughton, Andy Wehle, Al Wysocki, and Marie Zeglen

Guests: Mark Law and Toby Shorey

The meeting was called to order by Bernard Mair at 1:39 p.m. and introductions were made.

1. Minutes of the May Council of Associate Deans' Meeting

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

2. Honors Program – Mark Law, Director

Law was introduced as the new director of the Honors Program. Approximately 1,700 of the top 2,500 incoming students apply to Honors, of which 725 are enrolled. Honors gets approximately 30% of the students who scored 2250 or above on the SAT and 35% of the students who scored above 35 on the ACT

Law's goals are to increase the number of high achieving students in Honors, increase the retention of these students in Honors and increase the students' level of engagement in the program. Law hopes to challenge the students and give them academic opportunities such as research opportunities. He will be meeting with colleges to see how to admit more high achieving undergraduate students to UF, which is a preeminence goal.

He discussed the following items for inclusion in the letter of admission:

- Emphasize that UF can accept all 30 AP/IB credits. Not all private schools accept the credits.
- Conditional admission to graduate school. By doing so, UF can get both the student and parent thinking about graduate school from the beginning. According to Law, Hank Frierson is okay with Honors using language of conditional admission to graduate school. If colleges object to using the language, those colleges can opt out.

Discussion:

- There was some concern about the conditional admission proposal as these are usually determined by departments that have standards that include more than just test scores. Also, the question was asked as to exactly what the "conditional admission" meant since the students would still have to meet the requirements without any regard to their entering credentials.
- Instead of the conditional admission, it was suggested that the admissions letter could have more specific language about a master's degree or 4/1 program; use language such as "fast track towards a graduate program"; include information on the number of honors students who have applied to graduate school in the letter.
- Law will send colleges a list of their students who are in the Honors Program.

Law would like colleges to contact him if they have one credit courses that are fun and interesting. He is also looking for three credit courses. He encouraged colleges to use Honors sections for piloting interdisciplinary courses and flipped classes.

3. General Education Program – Bernard Mair

Mair reported that UF has two changes coming to the general education program – the statewide core and the UF core. As a result, all 8 semester plans in the catalog need to reflect these requirements.

The statewide core consisting of 15 credits from a prescribed list of courses will be implemented in 2015. The remaining 21 credits will comprise of 3 credits composition; 3 credits math; 3 credits “What is the Good Life”; and 12 credits of humanities, natural science and social science.

In 2016, we have the same statewide core, composition, math, and “What is the Good Life.” UF will have 2 additional required courses – a natural science course and a social science course. These courses are currently being piloted. It is anticipated that there will be other options. With the 2 new required courses, only 6 credits (social and natural sciences) will be left to complete the general education requirement.

Recommended 8 semester plan change process for 2015 and 2016:

- Catalog copy of the 2015 plan using track changes on the current 8 semester plan for UCC approval
- Catalog copy of the 2016 plan using track changes on the 2015 plan
- Colleges have the option of submitting both plans for approval at the same time if they wish.

Discussion:

- There was some discussion on the status of transfer students. AA transfers are not required to take the UF Core, but there was a question about transfers, who brought in 60 credits but did not have an AA degree. In the case of Journalism, junior transfer students need to be ready to take their professional coursework. Requiring out-of-state students without their AA to take the UF Core would delay their progress.
- Aagard believes students will take many of the statewide core in high school.
- AMH 2020 is currently a humanities course and is being changed to a social science.
- The Good Life course number is changing to IUF 1000.
- All the UF core courses will have the prefix IUF.
- Ray is concerned that having 2 or 3 options for the new UF core areas may cause staffing and management problems. Mair believes that will not be a problem since the courses are to be different in order to introduce students to a variety of disciplines.

4. Other Items

- Student Affairs Update – Shaw
 - i. The Division of Student Affairs' Gator Parent and Family Association has 32,000 family members. The association enhances communication between UF and families by receiving monthly electronic newsletters.
 - ii. As a result of the attempted assaults on campus, UPD has increased patrols. There is a big push for students to be more aware of their surroundings and avoid walking alone.
 - iii. There have already been 11 mental health transports since the semester started. Faculty can email U Matter We Care at UMatter@ufl.edu for assistance with students with distress.
 - iv. The dorms are at 102% occupancy
- Aagard passed out the [Financial Aid by the Numbers](#) handout. It could be useful information to have when speaking to prospective students. Arlene can scan the sheet and distribute out. Mair suggested that Aagard speak about the handout at the next Council meeting.

5. Revised IA Minor – Mair

Mair reported that the IA minor is in the catalog. He asked those colleges with IA programs to revise their 8 semester plans accordingly.

The colleges requested a more detailed schedule indicating the semesters in which the minor courses should be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.