Undergraduate Advising Council Meeting
July 27, 2023
3:00 PM Pugh Hall 120

Minutes

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - A motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting was made by Aaron Ganas. Seconded by Jaime Little.
- **Chair Updates:** Allison Gatsche, UAC Chair
  - Future meetings – UAC meetings will be held in-person, with the exception of one meeting per semester that will be held fully virtually. Voting members will receive information about meeting times/locations, and they are expected to share the information with their unit.
  - Results of UAC Qualtrics survey – There were several themes that emerged: representation/communication regarding the role of voting members; common definition of UAC; fostering community despite working in silos; information-sharing body (not shared governance); lifeline to greater UF advising community; partnering to overcome challenges; networking activities; leadership opportunities; prof dev opportunities. There were also suggested improvements: a lot of decisions are made top-down and the UAC has a weak presence on campus; dissatisfaction with in-person and with remote meetings; can't implement changes; meetings felt prescribed – want more engagement; clarity of voter member responsibilities; clearer goals; definitions of terminology; incorporating grad advisors; historical data of past info (meeting minutes, recordings of workshops, etc.) in more central location
  - UAC Operating Code – The UAC steering committee has been working on updating the operating code, which was last updated in 2016. Updates will be presented to the group for a formal vote – voting members will receive info from the UAC listserv prior to the start of fall.
  - Establishing voting members from each unit represented in the UAC – Will make a formal call for voting members each year to verify voting members. Each college can decide how to select their voting members, and each college should designate their voting members by August 17. A UAC meeting will be held via Zoom on August 17 – keep an eye on UAC listserv for information. The 2022-2023 voting members will still vote at the August meeting. The new 2023-2024 voting members will start at the September 2023 meeting.
- **Guest Presenters from Student Success Office:**
  - Dr. Mastrogiovanni, Assistant Provost for Student Success – The team is growing and now consists of Nigel Richardson, Stephanie McBride, and Kelly Medley. Currently looking for coordinator of communications and two transition advisors.
    - Shared updates regarding several key areas and initiatives:
      - i. Preview – He has moved coordination of several Preview presentations to the Student Success Office (Academics 101, Pre-health, Academic Success, Gator Talks, UF Faculty Experience). He has also been observing/shadowing behind-

the-scenes Preview operations including transfer Preview, COTA advising, Honors advising, college sessions, and general sessions.

    ii. Coaching – Streamlined process: Rather than having coaches reach out to large number of students and only have a few students respond, they had students respond and then matched those students with coaches. A community of practice will be formed to define what it means to coach.

    iii. Peer Mentors – Partnered with International Mentoring Association to offer a workshop series for students in summer and fall.

    iv. Tutoring – Noted challenges with prior tutoring pilots: Knack pilot (high cost & low effectiveness) and TMS pilot (low usage, few tutor offerings). There is a proposal drafted for a comprehensive university-wide approach to Academic Support. They are currently paying to extend hours for tutoring offered in Office of Academic Resources.

    v. Data Analysis – Looking at graduation timeliness, C-DEWs, major progression, dismissed/Fresh Start, toxic course combos, and repeat enrollment success (C-DEW). Will look at student performance predictive analysis by course (getting good predictions already by Day 9) and course predictive analysis by student program plan.

    vi. Workgroups & Committees – Several workgroups/committees are in the works or will be coming: "Coaching" community of practice, dismissed students workgroup, co-req remediation workgroup, academic support committee, student success data management committee, student success collaborative committee. Reach out to Jason if interested in getting involved.

- Nigel Richardson, Senior Director of Advising –
  - Wants to connect with campus advising community: Please reach out to him at nigelrayrich@ufl.edu or Teams at nigelrayrich or in new office space in Yon Hall 230 – stop by to say hi.
  - Gave an overview of key initiatives:
    - i. Consistency (define advising, campus-wide strategies, standard university reports and access to data)
    - ii. Advocacy (ACUA, OUA director's meeting, UF advising leadership group, coalition building)
    - iii. Communication (taking over use of ufadvising.ufl.edu website, student success data management, awards + recognition, student engagement)
    - iv. Development (teambuilding, on-boarding, identify experts on campus, sustained learning)
    - v. Overview of areas to be included in scope of Student Success Office: transition advising, general data infrastructure, Preview, pre-professional advising, academic advising & professional development, and exploratory
    - vi. Fall Workgroups: advising leadership group, student success data management, pre-health advising
  - Transition advisors will start seeing students in Spring 2024

- **Items from the Floor**: None