

Undergraduate Advising Council

Thursday, March 15th, 2018

Minutes

Allison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:34PM. Minutes were approved from the January meeting.

Speaker: Nolan Simmons, SFA, Micro Grant Program

- 1) In 2015, UF became aware that other institutions across the nation offered micro grants and researched how to offer them at UF.
- 2) Micro Grants target students who are unable to pay their charges or fees, and provides assistance to those students to retain them and help them graduate.
- 3) In 2016, SFA's Micro Grant proposal was approved and funded.
- 4) It is specifically for undergraduate students.
- 5) SFA works with the Bursar's Office to target at-risk students who still have outstanding charges.
 - a) Students must have a FAFSA on file, and must have exhausted all of their federal financial aid options, in order to be eligible.
 - b) SFA will email these students to let them know about their eligibility for a Micro Grant.
 - c) Students who meet the eligibility criteria are issued a one-time Micro Grant to assist them with past due charges.
- 6) Awards
 - a) Range from \$200-\$2,500
 - i) Evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
 - ii) Out-of-state students may merit different consideration.
- 7) Micro Grant recipients must meet with an academic advisor and complete online financial literacy training.
- 8) For more information about Micro Grants, students should meet with an SFA advisor.
 - a) The quickest way for students to get assistance from an SFA advisor is to submit their request on www.sfa.ufl.edu/help
- 9) By the numbers (for the 2016-2017 academic year)
 - a) In total, 2190 students were identified, and 233 responded (an 11% response rate).
 - b) 76 awards were given at a value of \$132,700
- 10) Contact Nolan Simmons at nolans@ufl.edu with any questions!
- 11) Questions for Nolan:
 - a) Could a state mandated exam (for the College of Education) potentially be covered by a Micro Grant?
 - i) Potentially, Nolan will follow up.
 - b) Could Micro Grants cover rent?
 - i) Potentially, on a case-by-case basis.
 - c) If a student hasn't been identified as eligible, can they reach out to ask questions?
 - i) Yes, ask SFA!
 - d) Is this considered taxable income?
 - i) No, it is not
 - e) For out-of-state students, can SFA cover some of the outstanding balance?
 - i) Yes, they can cover part of a balance.
 - f) Where should an advisor go with questions?
 - i) Send an email to Nolan with the student's UF ID (don't share with students).

- g) What is SFA's take on the response rate/awards so far?
 - i) SFA wants to give out more micro grants!
- h) Should advisors help with outreach to students, if that will help improve response rates?
 - i) Nolan will look into it and follow up!

Committee Updates

Campus Affairs: Student Conduct will be coming in April, and the DRC will be at the May meeting and there will be a tour for the DRC as well.

Certification: The committee will be on hold as we work on the recommendations from the NACADA chair.

Communication: The UAC website will be published soon!

Preeminence Task Force: Survey will be going out soon.

Professional Development: No updates.

Chair Updates

- 1) Faculty senate voted, and there will be no changes to the upcoming academic calendar.
- 2) NACADA Report
 - a) Final revisions of the report are ongoing.
 - b) The report will be addressed with a smaller group first before disseminating to the larger UAC body.
- 3) Block Tuition was not approved yet during the most recent legislative session.
 - a) It could be in the future but is not on the
- 4) Civics Literacy (update from Christine)
 - a) Students will meet the requirement with credit for either POS 2041 or AMH 2020.
 - b) If they do not have credit for one of those classes, they will have to take a Civics test.
 - i) The test is being developed by the state.
 - ii) No date on when the test will be ready.
 - iii) The questions are being pulled from the naturalization test.
 - c) The plan is to have the test in Preview Prep, but that will depend on when it is ready.
 - d) The requirement is written to impact students that are FTICS starting in Fall 2018, so it shouldn't affect transfer students just yet.
 - i) The requirement will be part of state AA degrees as well.
 - e) The intent is that the exam will not be proctored, and student could take it as many times as need.
 - i) It may be a soft or hard hold, TBD.

Elections

UAC Chair Position- There has been one nominee for Chair, and it is Allison Gatsche!
Allison runs unopposed, and is re-elected as UAC Chair

Campus Affairs Committee Position- Alejandra Delgado and Dylan King have been nominated for Campus Affairs.

Alejandra has been elected Campus Affairs Committee Chair

Other Updates

UF Online: No updates

College of Education: New Bachelor of Arts in Education Sciences program, starting in Fall 2018

- 1) This can be an opportunity for degree recovery for students in semester 5 or 6.
- 2) Contact Aaron Ganas, the academic advisor for the program, at aganas@coe.ufl.edu or 273-4378 with any questions.

COMPASS/ Requirement Group Category Changes:

- 1) There was discussion to move the Common Pre-Requisite Manual from the top to the bottom of the degree audits.
 - a) Toby wants confirmation from the UAC to move the CPM to the bottom of the audit.
 - b) UAC votes to move the CPM to the bottom of degree audits!
- 2) There will be continued discussion in the future about how to decide position of requirements on the audit.
- 3) Advisor Comments
 - a) Concerns are expressed about the Category/Subcategory distinctions in advisor comments.
 - b) UAC proposes to add a General category.
 - i) UAC also proposes to have the category default to a general option.
- 4) UAC votes to ask Dr. Lindner to request upper administration reach out to students to explain the upcoming changes to the system.
- 5) If you have additional concerns with Campus Solutions, you can send them to Allison directly and she will compile them on behalf of UAC.