

Undergraduate Advising Council  
Thursday, March 21, 2014  
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm, 240 Rinker Hall

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:35 pm.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

**Announcements:**

Phillip Klepacki introduced himself as the new Undergraduate Coordinator and Assistant Director for Distance Education in the College of Fine Arts.

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications Committee:** Kari Ward reminded us to post things on the UF Advisors Facebook Page. If you are not a member, join today! We currently have 45 active members.

**Professional Development Committee:** Maureen Cox thanked the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for sponsoring the “Working with Veterans” NACADA webinar. Maureen is working with Deb Mayhew and the Advising Certificate Committee to make sure that our Professional development opportunities correlate with the levels of certification.

**Advising Certificate Committee:** (see below)

**Post-Bac Program:**

Christine Richmond announced that the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is starting a Post Bac Career Changer Program. The program is meant for students who do not have all the prerequisite courses to enroll in Medical, Dental or Veterinarian schools. They can already have completed up to two of the prerequisite courses but it is meant for students who have completed none of them. A 3.0 undergrad GPA is required. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the priority deadline and July 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. This program will be self-funded and the higher fees for the classes will cover the costs of the program. Their goal is 32 students. No certificate or bachelor’s degree will be awarded. It is a lock-step program for recent grads or non-traditional students with non-science degrees who want to work in the health industry. Live courses for the most part and it’s a full-time program. They will also be offering a seminar course to help students with their med school applications. Financial aid is available for up to a year (\$12,500). First cohort will be Fall 2015. \$525.00 per credit hour. Main Contacts: Christine Richmond and Bobbi Knickerbocker.

**Admissions:**

Melissa Sisk reported that they have established a new email for transfer students to get their questions answered: [transfer@admissions.ufl.edu](mailto:transfer@admissions.ufl.edu). High school AA students will need official transcripts before they will be referred to the departments. Melissa is working on them now.

How did the self-reporting of transcripts go? They are working on changes to the form and Admissions is doing extra checking to confirm correctness of the transcripts.

**New Business:**

Keith Caradine invited all advisors to the Florida Letterman Awards Event on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:15 pm).

Do we know what other post-bac programs are available at UF? We should survey the UAC to find out. Also we should see if any eligibility issues will apply. UF Online does allow post-bac students.

**Advising Certificate Committee:**

Deb Mayhew reported that all levels are complete and she will be having a committee meeting with everyone who is interested in the Certification Program by the end of the semester. Since HR is revamping the job descriptions this is a good time to start this program. Deb will send out a Doodle Poll re: Meeting date soon. We still need to figure out who makes the call regarding completion of each level. How many CEU's to keep certified?

**Other New Business:**

Ombudsman Ron Anderson asked about 9 summer hour requirement waivers. Let's be reasonable. This should not be too difficult if supported by the student's college. It should be done towards the end of their UF career – junior or senior year. They must submit documentation of internship, study abroad, etc.

There were also questions about the medical withdrawal process. It was suggested that Andy invite Anthony DeSantis to a future meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.