

# Undergraduate Advising Council

Thursday, September 15, 2016

## Minutes

Christine Richmond, UAC Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

The July minutes were approved.

Announcement: Nigel Richardson, CLAS Advisor, spoke to us about AIM student visits in the next month. AIM students are first year, high risk students that work with the Office for Academic Support (OAS) and with Advisors in CLAS. They are exploratory majors but will need to complete a form (AIM Course Planning Worksheet) with 2 major Advisors in majors that they are interested in possibly pursuing. AIM students will visit with you to look at your major and Spring 2017 tracking courses and possibly summer courses. Presently we have 300 AIM students. Please see: <https://www.advising.ufl.edu/aim-2/registration-info-for-current-aim-students/>

The College of Journalism and Communications noted that they would encourage AIM students to make appointments with their Advisors to ensure that they have enough time to talk and complete the required form.

Speaker: Mary C. Jordan, from the Department of Housing and Residence Education.

Mary works with Living Learning Communities (LLC). The other half of her job is with academic initiatives, to support all students living in residence halls on campus.

UF has 13 LLCs. Please see: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/living-learning-communities/>

What is a LLC? There are lots of definitions. Mary uses a broad definition, that of academic living community. The Department of Housing and Residence Education has a number of academic related LLCs, like AIM, ROTC, IA, Engineering, Pre-Health, Health and wellness. They have an open definition and LLCs can look very different.

Mary stated that living on campus in a LLC has a positive impact on students. There is a lot of research that shows this, particularly for first year students living in a residential community.

Research shows that students who live on campus and participate in the community show a higher level academic achievement. They tend to be more persistent and go onto year #2 of college. They tend to graduate in higher percentages and show more satisfaction with their college experience.

Mary said that HRE (Housing & Residence Education) has a Study buddy program which is in-hall tutoring. They have 6 courses that they tutor in, they include: CHM 2045, MAC 2311, MAC 2312, PHY 2048, PHY 2049, and IUF 1000 (What is the Good Life). In this program they have exam preps and work in conjunction with the Broward Teaching center.

They also duplicate this program and have sessions in the Graham Gallery. For every exam in a course, they have an exam prep session and ad hoc tutoring session. They provide food and a packet of information for students, unlike the prep sessions done in Turlington or Broward teaching. This is open to all students.

HRE offers classes in the residence halls, some of them are tied in with First Year Florida and sometimes with the LLC.

LLC scholars are a new program in which students work on milestones and have a credential placed on their transcript. HRE has a graduation type of ceremony. They have done this program with first year communities, and are piloting an app for a program in the Honors LLC.

LLC Wellness Week has a focus on wellness and mindfulness. For a week in October 2016, HRE is partnering with U Matter We Care (DSO) for programs on self-care, stress management, wellness, etc.

HRE has Faculty in Residence. They work with career advice as well. There are 2 in residence; there is a ROTC officer in residence. Hume Honors hall has 9 faculty mentors. These people help with programs and work with the students. Wanda Washington and Rachel Nelson are 2 academic advisors that live in the residence halls. They serve as career coaches, academic mentors; holding weekly office hours in the halls; & coordinating programs in the residence halls.

HRE also implements Picnic Table Advising, which Mary calls a cornerstone program. Academic Advisors, from different colleges are invited to participate each fall and spring semester to participate in advising residence hall students in the halls. There is good food! It is well organized; and it is a great way for residential students to meet with advisors.

Mary encouraged Advisors to think about facilitating programs and workshops in the residence halls to connect with residential students.

Longer term involvement: Mary noted that Kristy Spear works with the Honors residential program. Dana Myers works with the Fine Arts Housing in Reid Hall. Advisors serve as content experts from the academic perspective.

Mary noted that HRE is social! ---social media assists in students learning about residential academic communities.

A student can apply for housing, and also apply immediately for LLCs. Returning students typically get into LLCs due to priority in living in the residence halls prior. Mary noted that Engineering and Pre Health LLCs were full last year, as well as Hume Honors. She noted that for roommate matching—it needs to include students who want to also live in a LLC.

Mary thanked us for our attention! Her email is: [maryj@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:maryj@housing.ufl.edu)

#### Toby Shorey report©:

Toby asked us about the UF advisor listserv: Question: which information do you find appropriate and not appropriate for the UF advisor listserv? He asked us to think about what has gone out and is it appropriate?

If you have a new Advisor to be added to the Listserv, please send the name and email address to Toby ([tshorey@ufl.edu](mailto:tshorey@ufl.edu)). Toby said that the UF advisor listserv has 330 people on it at this time (some admin., advisors/ broadly advisors). If you send something to the UF advising listserv, Toby will review it and send it onward if appropriate. He is the filter.

The UAC listserv is only for UAC voting representatives

There is also a UF Online advising list which is for people involved with UFO, PaCE (90 people on this list at this time). Please email Glenn Kopic for questions or to be added to this listserv. Glenn is at: [gkopic@advising.ufl.edu](mailto:gkopic@advising.ufl.edu)

#### COMPASS update:

Many Advisors have been involved in the June and July 2016 meeting in the Ayers building. The goal was to collect information and try to mock some items.

Toby was there to share with us what they learned; how it is impacting on how things are being done. The session next week, 9/20/16, will be related to additional information gathering, college-specific advising policies, and additional feedback. Toby said that he is relying on the UAC to be a mechanism to update your colleges. You are the best person to do this. He needs a representative body to communicate with college advisors and offices. He needs to know how you interact with your students. The meeting is next Tuesday.

Toby said he will begin to write real audits starting next week (for 1.5 years), including minors, specializations, tracks, and majors. He will be going back 8 catalog years. Audits will go back to 2010. For anything prior to that, he may need to move students' audits to 2010—they'll see as it comes.

Toby says he plans to go college by college, and replicate audits, bring it to advisors to test.

Also, he mentioned that they plan to have graduate student program audits. Jenn Hubbs (Toby's counterpart) is the contact for this. Graduate audits will not be ready in March 2018 though. They think these types of audits are feasible. Technology is much better now he noted; they are going ahead. Toby is doing his best to look out for our interests! *Thank you Toby!*

Current degree audits are going into ONE.UF. Toby has a list of 30 Advisors to make this happen. He is setting up a test situation for next week. It will last for a few days until Advisors are comfortable.

If you have things to send to Toby that you normally email him about, you can copy Roxanne Barnett (she is working 20 hours per week, to help him). Her email is: [rbarnett@ufl.edu](mailto:rbarnett@ufl.edu)

#### Christine's update:

The Associate Dean's group, ACUA (Advisory Council for Undergraduate Affairs): The UF Core is now called UF Quest. Each task force for each year is busy at work.

Christine noted that there will be an emphasis on a 4 year graduation rate. Advisors will start hearing more about this. Possibly discussions will take place more at the college level. A lot of questions from Advisors were brought up. Why is 4 years a measure? Answer: state legislature mainly. They will be looking at specific populations' graduation rates; and a possible marketing campaign for Combined degree programs. Dr. Angela Lindner will come to speak at our October meeting. A UF Quest meeting/conference will occur on November 4 (which is busy time for advisors). Dr. Lindner also noted they are looking at themes of hospitality, diversity, and inclusion, to bring into the curriculum and our practices.

We have a Budget...It's been approved! We will look at reviving scholarships for the NACADA annual conference, and possibly the regional NACADA conference, as well as, professional development opportunities like NACADA webinars.

#### Committee reports:

Certification: Please contact Kathryn if you are interested in getting involved. She is at [kbeaty@ufl.edu](mailto:kbeaty@ufl.edu)

Campus Affairs: Sophie gave out a handout about the freshmen coalition application. Please see: <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>. There were 53 colleges and universities that accepted the coalition application this fall. It is a like a common application where freshmen apply on one web site, uploading information and

building a list colleges/universities to apply to. Sophie also thanked Mary Jordan for being our guest speaker today. She noted that Dr. Lindner will be speaking at our October meeting. She asked that if you have other ideas for speakers and collaborations, please let her know. Sophie is at: [sophiespratley@dcp.ufl.edu](mailto:sophiespratley@dcp.ufl.edu)

Professional Development: Allison said that they need to request Emerson hall four months in advance for the UF Advisors Conference. They are looking at Feb 3 or Feb 17, 2017 for the date of this event. Allison noted that freshmen admissions decisions will be made on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Kris and the Dean of Student's Office for sponsoring some meals. This will assist the committee in having more money available for speakers, etc.

Allison and her committee are working collaboratively with Dr. Lindner and Christine. They will be speaking to college dean's office for support also for our conference. New additions to the UF Advisor conference: Possibly a poster session (an opportunity to share information, and practice for upcoming conference)

Allison is working with Kathryn and the CALS Advising Council. CAC will sponsor the December 14 NACADA Webinar (2-3pm; discussion afterwards). Possibly the webinar will be in place of the December UAC meeting; discussion to follow.

Allison asked us that attend NACADA to keep an eye out for great presenters and content that you really like; she noted that we may have some financial support to bring speakers in; or if you know of a local person who would be a good speaker for our UF Advisor conference.

Allison invited anyone who is interested in helping with the conference. Please reach out to Allison at: [agatsche@ece.ufl.edu](mailto:agatsche@ece.ufl.edu)

Communications: The October 2016 The UF Advisor will be out after NACADA. If you have any topics or articles you would like to share on our blog, please let us know! Sophie and Karen attended a UF Breakfast Buzz in early September; President Fuchs was the speaker. Eni and Karen are working on articles about UF Advisors (from the student perspective and from a peer perspective) as well as how to advertise them with our campus affairs colleagues.

Preeminence Task force: Chair: Lark Clark.

We met with SGA recently; who have completed a research report on Preeminence in Advising, looking at like- institutions and Ivy Leagues (advisor to student ratios, advising office organizational structures, etc.). SGA is about to send a survey out to the UF student population for more feedback. Our task force is working with them and will look at their results in order to survey our Advisors later this year.

UFO & PaCE report: Glenn Kepic

220 registered this Fall 2016. Half of the students opted for the Optional Fee package. Please see it at: <http://handbook.uflonline.ufl.edu/students/student-fees/>. Glenn noted that 307 students may be in or around Gainesville. Regarding PaCE students: please let Glenn know what majors are working; what majors are not working; and majors that may work! He'd like to hear from you.

Honors Program report: Kristy Spear

In the past, the Honors program has offered an Interdisciplinary Internship course (IDH 4940). All UF students could apply for this credit. Moving forward the Honors Program will only approve internships for honors students pursuing work clearly outside their major(s).

The Honors Program realizes that there are majors and colleges that do not have internship courses available and for a short time they are willing to be flexible. With the launch of Quest and the focus on experiential learning, the hope is that colleges/programs will likely be encouraged to develop or modify their own internship course.

End of meeting; adjourned at 4:24pm