

Undergraduate Advising Council

Thursday, May 21, 2015

3:30-4:30 pm, 240 Rinker Hall

Minutes

Called to order 3:34

Introduction of new members followed by discussion of voting members on the website and need to update the UAC listing on the (site).

Approval of April minutes: Adjustment of professional development scholarship information made.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee – Ken Foote

No specific updates. New issue of UF Advisor in development. Call for those interested in joining in to email kfoote@ufl.edu. More information about forming a committee will be sent soon.

Professional Development Committee – Allison Gatsche

Good show of support from email that was sent out for those interested in working with committee. Doodle pole was sent out to schedule first meeting time. Either June 4th or June 9th. Details will be sent out.

Kicking off with the in service program will begin July 21st or 22nd. More information will be sent out soon to the UAC list serve.

May 26th and 28th sessions from Toby. Tuesday ISIS Admin basics. Thursday discussion on excess hours. No new information be presented but can serve well as a refresher for experienced or orientation for new. Tuesday 9:30 – 10: 30 Thursday – 11:00 Sen to UAC list serve. Both sessions will count towards Advising Certificate. Level 2 training.

Advising Certificate Committee – Deb Mayhew

System of tracking is up and running starting with the UAC Conference. Currently in form of spreadsheet. Deb is working with some of her students to develop a system so that advisors may be able to track their progress. Deb is asking the committee to get together to begin to discuss how certain training counts and at what level. Deb indicates that anyone who is interested in contributing or assisting is welcome to attend the meeting.

Advisor Award Display – Andy Wehle

Andy updates that one of three advisor displays is now up and running. The displays are still evolving in relation to content. Andy indicates it's still in a rough format but there is consistency being reviewed. Currently three years of information is uploaded but the system is still being developed.

Early Alert Systems – Dr. David Julien

Discussing the new advisor early warning / predictability package system for UF. Big data approach to providing tools to be more effective in advising students. System mines the data in the UF / Learning management system to use a predictors. Uses historical data to look at patterns to predict what students may be at high risk for academic success. Additional tools are providing to interact and work with students. Several companies currently presenting for possible use.

Civitas Inspire presented. Civitas recently acquired Starfish which is in use a SFC. System allows for workflow to manage outreach and contact. Allows for the advisor to see student progress and predict possible success in order to intervene if needed. Multiple filters and categories allow for you sort based on specific courses or demographics. Currently works within Canvas and will integrate with PeopleSoft. Allows for contact with student through multiple platforms and schedule times to meet with students.

Andy asked about implementation time line since initial timeline indicated Fall 2015. Once commitment to new system is bad it may take up to three months to integrate majors and develop models. If decision is made Summer 2015 systems can be developed Fall 2015 and may be rolled out in limited form Spring 2016 for possible mass use Fall 2016.

Toby and David both indicate the need for support from the academic advising community here at UF since this system is intended to improve the work of advisors.

Toby suggests on behalf of UAC for possible webinars from the front runners so that the UAC can make an official recommendation to endorse one system over another.

UAC Professional Development Support for NACADA National Conference – Dana Myers

Application for scholarships is due June first. Application was sent to UAC list serve to receive assistance from UAC scholarship.

Input from UAC for hiring of the new Associate Provost Position – Andrew Wehle

Feedback being sought for what the UAC things is needed for a new provost. What sort of qualities do we think are necessary? The UAC has not yet been approached about involvement in the search process as of yet. Andy wants to gauge the UAC for specific issues/topics to present.

First part to determine UAC involvement and to what degree. Time should be set aside to meet with UAC to discuss needs, possible potential candidates to meet with the UAC in a forum format. Potential need for feedback from the search committee in regards to the UAC involvement. Andy will contact the search committee to determine UAC involvement.

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4:30 pm, in 240 Rinker Hall; 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17. If your schedule permits, please take advantage of the opportunity to socialize with colleague after the meeting.