

Undergraduate Advising Council
Thursday, October 25, 2012
11:00 am – noon, AAC Conference Room

Minutes

Meeting began at 11:00 am with 27 in attendance.

Minutes from September meeting were approved and posted to the UAC website.

Action Items from September meeting:

Roxanne Barnett – Who speaks for UF re Excess Hours add-ons? Answer: nobody. This is a legislative mandate; amendment of list of exemptions by passage of a bill.

Robin Rossie – UAC involvement in Common Core Gen Ed initiative? Dr. Mair would welcome participation in the process. UAC ad hoc committee will be formed to come up with a list of courses to include (or exclude) for consideration by the state-wide committee, would need to defend choices with a narrative to help inform Dr. Mair's participation. Email Robin if you want to work with this committee.

Action Item: Robin will form ad hoc committee and initiate first meeting when Dr. Mair gives committee its charge.

Committee Reports:

Kari Ward – Communications Committee – advising newsletter went live, looks great; target for next issue is end of term. Please join the UF Academic Advisors group on Facebook, hot topics for discussion continue there, as well as invitations to philanthropic and social activities.

Maureen Cox - Professional Development – continual progress on planning for the January advising conference.

Robin Rossie (for Karen Bray) - Campus Affairs – Julie Crosby has sent an open invitation to UF units for recruiting events in the UF@SF center; Karen has other commitments and won't be able to continue as chair – leadership opportunity is available for this committee.

Todd Best (Engineering) and Nicole Young (CALs) presented on their units' advising councils and the professional development opportunities they offer (thanks to Karen Bray for reaching out to them and coordinating their participation).

Kris Klan gave an overview and update on the IA Orientation Gateways students are involved in via Sakai; includes a “preview review” and loop back to preview prep for updates prior to final orientations in December and January.

Robin Rossie met with Dr. Mair for information about the proposed change to the Summer Requirement waiver process. The new process will be a petition for financial hardship (considered and decided by SFA committee) or a petition for other than financial hardship (considered and decided by other committee TBD with input from the college). Discussions continue in CAD, including colleges’ guidelines and current practices. Roxanne clarified that any student entering UF with 60+ credits is exempt from this requirement.

Robin Rossie shared an email from Steve Pritz regarding status of ISIS enhancements – a very long list of priorities exists, with more added to keep up with policy changes; patience is needed, where resources are allocated or reallocated for ISIS projects is beyond his control. Dana Myers asked that the student view of ISIS be enhanced to include a display of a minor a student has officially added; Roxanne Barnett indicated that is already in the works, along with a display of multiple majors and multiple minors.

Dee Dugger’s retiring October 31st; her temporary replacement to contact for records/degree assistance is Beckie Preston, with final selectee TBA; Mallori Wojcik has assumed Tobey’s position for commencement, diplomas, degree processing.

Post agenda discussions:

Roxanne Barnett needs lists from colleges of those minors that IA students will have access to. Dana Myers announced course offerings in Art for non-art majors. Tammy Agard gave a heads up that some IA students tapped in to financial aid for Fall – a no-no - which means they will be ineligible for some aid in Summer; those students are being contacted but may have questions about Summer 2013 funding.

Post-meeting developments:

An email from Lynn O’Sickey asked for clarification of September minutes regarding, “Jeff City indicated that there is the potential for HUM2305 to be optional for Innovation Academy students if their college supports a waiver.” Clarification: Students enrolling in IA for the first time in Spring 2013 are exempt from meeting this University requirement, but would have to complete the course if their college has established it as a degree requirement and does not offer them a waiver of the degree requirement.

Meeting adjourned at noon. Next meeting November 29 is last in AAC Conference Room; future meetings in 200 Stuzin.