ACUA Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026 – 1:30-3:00P.M.

Criser Hall, 201 L. Vernon Voyles Presentation Room

Members: Elayne Colon, Pamela Dickrell, Cheryl Gater, Marshall Haning, Matt Jacobs, Christopher Janelle, Kristopher Klann, Gillian Lord, Daniel Manley, Anne Matthews, Jamie Pomeranz, Nigel Richardson, Ted Spiker, Erica Studer-Barnes, Allen Wysocki, Jonathen Yorkowitz

Liaisons: Samesha Barnes-Ivey, Alex Bitton-Bailey, Casey Bullock, Ja'Net Glover, Christopher Hass, Donna Kolb, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Mark McCallister, Kelli Roberts, Rick Stepp

Guests: Ron Anderson, Ashley Garrett, Madison Henry, Nadene Reynolds, Marta Wayne

I. **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Cheryl Gater, Associate Provost, Accreditation, Assessment, and Curriculum, and Matt Jacobs, Interim Associate Provost, Undergraduate Education and Student Success.
   - Dr. Jacobs welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order.

II. **Allocation models for TA support:** Jamie Pomeranz, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs
   - Dr. Pomeranz indicated that the feedback received from other colleges was helpful and that it may be appropriate to get together to discuss this further at a future date.

III. **Student Success:** Matt Jacobs, Interim Associate Provost, Undergraduate Education and Student Success
   - Waitlist management processes and prioritization of students needing courses to meet UT requirements:
     i. Dr. Jacobs discussed in detail the current waitlist process, and the need to make improvements. Dr. Jacobs explained that he is actively collaborating with the Chief Information Officer, and University Registrar to implement the necessary improvements before the fall term. Dr. Jacobs is requesting that any feedback or suggestions are submitted to him directly.
   - Additional funding request for high demand courses
     i. Dr. Jacobs briefly discussed the process and requested that all request for additional funding be sent directly to him for review. Dr. Jacobs added that if the request impacts summer funding, indicate such in the request.
   - College and department level tutoring services
     i. Dr. Jacobs is requesting that any tutoring services provided at the college or department level be sent to him so a list can be compiled and distributed accordingly. Dr. Jacobs indicated that the purpose is to publicize the opportunity to students and increase engagement.

- Grade forgiveness
    i. Dr. Jacobs informed the associate deans that he is in the beginning stages of reviewing grade forgiveness at UF and how we align with other SUS or SEC institutions.
- Auto graduation, Met/Unmet audits, degree audits/OneUF tiles
    i. Dr. Jacobs began discussion explaining that the definition of "auto-graduation" varies across institutions and is open to suggestions on how it should be interpreted and implemented at UF.

IV. **Preview 2026 Course Reservations:** Nigel Richardson, Assistant Provost, University Advising and Student Success

- Connection to the Preview Workbook and Preview Prep
    i. Mr. Richardson announced that the UF decisions deadline is approaching for the upcoming academic year and his team is beginning preparation for preview. Mr. Richardson briefly discussed how course reservations are made and requested feedback on what courses programs believe are appropriate for first-year students.

V. **UESS Academic Dismissal Diversion Pilot:** Nigel Richardson, Assistant Provost, University Advising and Student Success

- Mr. Richardson gave a presentation on the Diversion Pilot, explaining what the pilot is, parties involved, and themes that have emerged thus far.

VI. **CTE Updates**: Alex Bitton-Bailey, Director, Center for Teaching Excellence

- Dr. Bitton-Bailey provided a quick update on Interface, RiTL, Pathways, and Simple Syllabus support. Dr. Bitton-Bailed also demonstrated where to find information regarding these topics on the CTE website.

VII. **Medical Petitions Process Overview and Updates:** Kristopher Klann, Assistant Dean of Students, and Nadene Reynolds, Assistant Dean and Director of CARE

- Dean Reynolds gave a presentation on the medical petitions process. Dean Reynolds highlighted the improvements that have been made over recent years and requested volunteers to participate.

VIII. **Study Abroad Successes**: Marta Wayne, Associate Provost, UF International Center

- Due to time constraints, Dr. Wayne was unable to present. This item will be added to the future meeting agenda.

IX. **Open Discussion –** Items from the Floor (All)

- Dr. Jacobs thanked everyone for their participation; there was no time remaining for additional discussion.

X. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 1:30pm (Criser Hall 201 LVV Presentation Room)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.