

Academic Advising Coordinating Council  
Friday, February 25, 2011  
Peabody Board Room

In Michelle Cook's absence, Laura Dowd called the meeting to order. Milly Gorman, Director of New Student Orientation, spoke about 2011 New Student Orientation. She suggested that the advising presentation used the past few years needed updating. Council members discussed the possibility of eliminating the presentation from the program. Fiona Liken will add a FAQ list to the UGA Bulletin Worksheet (required for students to complete before arriving for Orientation) which will cover many of the questions asked during the Orientation advising session. The members decided that an Orientation Subcommittee (Misha Boyd, Connie Rash, Tatiana Nikonov, Anna Durden, Jason Emond, Fiona Liken, Brooke Daniel, Heather McEachern, and Laura Dowd) will meet to prepare a new advising presentation for summer 2011.

Tatiana Nikonov asked about the possibility of having an overflow day between the two orientation sessions in January to accommodate the large number of advisees. Milly offered to look into moving up the first First-Year Orientation and Transfer Orientation to January 3, 2012. Milly explained that the office is implementing two new components this year - a paperless folder and Pre-Orientation Online Modules. And finally, she asked that advisors not clear students before the student's Orientation session.

Next, Fiona Liken previewed the First-Year Odyssey Website ([www.fyo.uga.edu](http://www.fyo.uga.edu)). The faculty site includes general information, goals, FAQ's, course proposal submissions, and a browse feature. Within the next few weeks, the student site will be added. Suggestions for improvement of the website, including viewing options and FAQ questions, are welcome. FYO courses will be 1 hour courses, graded A-F and identified as FYOS 1101. Enrollment in FYOS 1101 courses will be limited to 15-18 students. First year students will be required to complete a FYOS course, ideally in fall term. Printed information booklets will be ready in time for orientation. First Year Odyssey Director, Tim Foutz, will be at the April 4, 2011 Lunch and Learn for advisors.

Laura Dowd asked how other offices are handling the Provost's memo directing the elimination of the use of Social Security Numbers as a means of identifying students. Council members expressed frustration with the difficulty in working in IMS with the student's 810 number and SSN concurrently. Fiona Liken said she would check with the Registrar to get an update on the status for a "fix" of the problem.

Tatiana Nikonov announced that the College of Education has hired two new advisors and that Anna Durden has been named Lead Advisor. Laura Dowd mentioned that the Franklin College has one advising position to fill. Diana Fruth shared information about a new Leadership & Service learning community for 2011 and an American Sign Language community coming in 2012.

Jason Emond announced that Technical Schools of the TSCG will be moving to the semester system effective Fall 2011. Admissions will be working to identify course equivalencies for the TSCG schools' mini-core.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting of the AACC will be March 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Peabody Board Room.

Minutes submitted by,

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