

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

Michelle Cook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and because of some new faces, introductions were made around the table.

Nancy Thompson from Independent and Distance Learning (IDL) updated the group on the new procedural changes IDL has recently undergone. Nancy explained that a Task Force on Distance Education suggested that IDL immediately implement new policy changes in preparation for the upcoming SACS re-accreditation process. Although these procedures and guidelines are not approved by the Educational Affairs Committee, they will be ready to be reviewed by this committee by the fall 2011 semester. Nancy noted a few important changes to these new procedures: (1) all IDL courses by summer 2011 will be online only; (2) only students admitted to UGA through Undergraduate Admissions may enroll in IDL courses; (3) students will be limited to earning a maximum 15 hours through IDL; (4) students on dismissal may NOT appeal to their dean to be approved to enroll in IDL courses; and (5) the IDL Appeals Committee was done away with, so hardship withdrawals will be directed to the Office of Student Support Services, grade appeals will be directed to the faculty member, and all other academic appeals will be directed to the Educational Affairs Committee.

Jason Emond updated the Council on Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) core transfers. Jason reminded everyone that technical schools in the USG recently switched to semesters, and UGA will now transfer in core credit hours from TCSG schools. However, TCSG students can no longer transfer in accounting courses without the permission of the UGA Accounting Department. Cindy Daniel explained that since three TCSG courses must transfer in to count for one UGA three-hour accounting credit, all accounting courses from TCSG schools will be listed as non-transferrable.

Heather McEachern asked for feedback on the UGA Online Academic Advisor Survey, and Cindy Daniel from the Terry College of Business reported that, despite some ongoing issues, she received positive feedback from students. The deadline for the 2010-2011 Advisor Survey Report is June 15, 2011.

Ellen Martin and Brice Nelson addressed the issue of the crowded and boisterous nature of the Resources Fair at Orientation. Brice asked if others felt this fair was an academic resource, or was simply a catch-all. The Council agreed to look into the issue further. Michelle will follow up with Milly Gorman and ask her to attend the April AACC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting of the AACC will be April 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Peabody Board Room.

Minutes submitted by,

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