

Academic Advising Coordinating Council
Friday, September 16, 2011
315 New College

Laura Dowd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and Council members were asked to sign up for at least one subcommittee.

Shefali Dhar briefed the Council on the progress of the online Advisor Survey. Seven schools are using the survey fall semester, five schools are using it spring semester, and three schools are pending. After a brief discussion, the members decided to limit schools to reporting one semester for consistency, but not specifying which semester they report.

The Council agreed that the Majors Fair had a disappointing turnout because of the location and competing with other events during that time slot. It was decided that a 45 minute allotted time slot and a change of location to the 3rd floor breezeway in Tate would attract more students. The AACC will officially send this request to Milly Gorman in Admissions.

Because of the time English and Math Placement Tests require, the members discussed requesting that testing be removed from Orientation. The Council will send Milly an official request to remove testing, and based on her response, will possibly suggest various solutions to consider. Milly will be asked to attend the October AACC meeting to discuss this request.

The Council agreed that the Fall Workshop was a success, and everyone found the Financial Aid presentation about HOPE very helpful. Julie Segrest provided the members with a list of UNIV courses covered by HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships as a quick reference for advisors.

In addition to other announcements, Fiona gave the Council an update on the First Year Odyssey Seminar. 90% of students are enrolled in a seminar fall semester, so only 55 seminars will be offered in the spring. Despite student requests, students are limited to one FYOS.

Anna Hiers inquired about what methods schools use to process student appeals. Although many schools use email because of the convenience, a more secure process is needed. The Educational Affairs Committee uses a secure online appeals system that was created by Shefali. The Vice President for Instruction's approval would be needed before Shefali could create a secure system for all schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m., and the Council will meet again on October 21, 2011.

Minutes submitted by,

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