

Academic Advising Coordinating Council
Friday, March 23, 2012
315 New College

Laura Dowd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Maggie Kerins presented the Evaluation results of the February 20th AACC Spring Workshop. While almost all responses were positive, attendees suggested that there should be a shorter amount of time between lunch and presentations and questions should have been allowed after each presentation.

The Council then discussed the Advising Statement in the Bulletin sent to AACC from the Educational Affairs Committee for feedback. After a lengthy discussion, the AACC approved 3 edits to the statement: adding the word "mandatory," removing the word "academic" from the 4th sentence, and editing the last sentence to read "The academic landscape is always subject to change." Maggie will present these changes to the Educational Affairs Committee at their April meeting. The Council also agreed to add a sentence to DegreeWorks informing students of their responsibility to know graduation requirements.

Maggie announced the winners of the 2011-2012 Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor Award – Misha Boyd and Anne Marie Zimeri. The Selection Committee for this award requested some changes to the award's criteria to align with the NACADA award's guidelines. Maggie will make the edits approved by the Council and email the final version to AACC members. The Council also discussed the possibility of adding a category – New Advisor – to the advisor award process. Maggie and Debbie will present this proposal to Vice President Jolly.

Anna Hiers addressed the Council about the possibility of UGA hosting the NACADA Drive-In Conference in 2014. Anna will gather some more information about the endeavor and discuss it again at the April AACC meeting.

Laura asked the members what their thoughts are on the Bulletin Worksheet and a DegreeWorks tutorial being mandatory for all students at Orientation. She believes that students who complete both are much better prepared for their advising appointments. Fiona will discuss this with Admissions. Although a DegreeWorks tutorial will likely not be mandatory for students this summer, the Council agreed that this would be beneficial for students.

At the April meeting, an election will be held for an AACC chair. Maggie will request nominations by email, and will include these nominees on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m., and the Council will meet again on April 20, 2012.

Minutes submitted by,

Maggie Kerins
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