

Academic Advising Coordinating Council

Friday, April 26, 2013

315 New College

In attendance were Laura Dowd, Jennifer Patrick, Diane Miller, Ellen Martin, Maggie Blanton, Julie Segrest, Amber Stevens Rayborn, Evonne S. Jones, Cathy Clutter, Carol Roberts, Heather McEachern, Joanna Warren, Fiona Liken, Jason Emond, Glada Horvat, Anna Hiers, Rose Tahash, Laura Jolly, Milly Gorman, Martin Rogers, Steven Honea, Matthew Head, Michael Cabe, and Hunt Revell.

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

Carol Laws of the Institute on Human Development and Disability spoke to the council about the resources available to students in Interdisciplinary Disabilities Education, including the Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Certificate program, developmental research, and networking opportunities.

Laura Dowd announced this year's Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor Award winners, Terence Centner, Wanda Wilcox, and Annemarie Hitchcock. The winners were recognized at the spring Faculty Recognition Banquet. Special thanks to Maggie Blanton for ensuring the success of this year's awards.

Milly Gorman and Michael Cabe from the Admissions Office spoke to the Council about this summer's Orientation and distributed a handout that was also sent electronically. Pre-orientation placement testing will take place in late May and early June, with some available Saturday testing dates. Out-of-state students can take placement exams on a walk-in basis once they arrive for Orientation. Students will register through the Testing Services website, will be notified by email, and fees will apply. Foreign language testing may require further appointments. One concern raised was that some incoming students may think they are exempting ENGL 1101 with a specific SAT Verbal score when they are in fact only exempting the placement tests. The Admissions Office has developed an iPhone application and a twitter feed for Orientation information and updates.

The Fall 2013 Advisor Workshop will be held on Friday, November 22, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Tate Center Grand Hall. Two main sessions will be scheduled on Banner implementation, as well as a presentation on diversity from the Office of Institutional Diversity. Additional Training and Development course sections will be offered to offset the lack of new advisor sessions at the Fall Workshop.

The NACADA 2014 Drive-In Conference planning is on schedule. Anna Hiers distributed sign-up sheets at the meeting and through the Academe listserv for subcommittee volunteer opportunities.

Laura Dowd was unanimously re-elected as the Academic Advising Coordinating Council Chair for 2013-2014.

Announcements were made by members regarding CURO information sessions, available tutoring for summer semester 2013 classes, and revised drop and add registration dates effective fall semester 2013. Heather McEachern requested that members contact her if their school or college uses a database to track students to graduation.

The Council approved the minutes of the January 18, 2013, meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.