

Academic Advising Coordinating Council

Friday, November 8, 2013

315 New College

In attendance were Ellen Martin, Laura Dowd, Judy Iakovou, Jennifer Patrick, Cindy Daniel, Misha Boyd, Anna Hiers, Christie Sanders, Rose Tahash, Amber Rayborn, Matthew Head, Ami Flowers, Diane Miller, Paul Welch, Heather McEachern, Steven Honea, Julie Segrest, Jason Emond, Rhonda Kilpatrick, Glada Horvat, Andy Davis, Marian Higgins, Donna Mitchell, Evonne Jones, Stephanie Artavia, Audrey Shinner, Laura Jolly, Fiona Liken, Carol Roberts, Joanna Warren, and Hunt Revell.

Guests: Malcolm Adams and Kris Biesinger

Laura Dowd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Malcolm Adams of the Mathematics Department and Kris Biesinger spoke to the council about MATH 1113E, Precalculus. This new course will be completely online and offered through a Coursera platform in collaboration with five universities in the University System of Georgia, including UGA. A lead instructor at each university will manage the course for their university. Students will be able to register for this course beginning in spring semester 2014 and receive resident credit at their respective schools; however, all students enrolled will be in the same course and interact online with instructors from UGA and the other universities. The standards of the online course are the same as the course delivered face-to-face on the UGA campus. The course is offered in a structured layout with laboratory assistance, four modules, and instructor feedback. The Disability Resource Center at each university will be set up for testing for students with disabilities. Students enrolled in the face-to-face offering of MATH 1113 have the opportunity to drop back to UNIV 1110 if they are having trouble grasping the concepts in the course. At this time, an online version of UNIV 1110, Introduction to Precalculus, does not exist; however, the Division of Academic Enhancement will consider the possibility of offering UNIV 1110 as an online course. Online tutoring will be available 24 hours a day to students enrolled in MATH 1113E. Currently, students will be charged tuition and will have no additional fees; however, students may incur charges for a calculator, online tutoring, and online proctoring at some institutions. Enrollment is currently capped at 75 seats at UGA.

Dr. Jolly provided an update on the Complete College Georgia initiative. The funding formula determined by the Board of Regents will be changing. The new formula will be based in part on completion and retention rates and will involve broadening access to diverse populations while increasing graduation rates, scholarship funding, and supporting college readiness initiatives. Dr. Jolly highlighted several ways that UGA is already working toward these goals, including the FYO program, Gateway to Georgia Scholarship Program, undergraduate STEM Initiative and Partnerships, UGA Online, Pre-collegiate Outreach, DegreeWorks, and Academic Enhancement. Graduation and retention rates for UGA are above rates of peer institutions and are approaching rates of aspirant institutions. A brief discussion followed regarding students near completion with circumstances preventing completion, emergency scholarship funds, and the Fanning Institute's EMBARK program. The OVPI website includes Complete College Georgia updates, reports, and long-term plans.

The Fall Advisor Workshop will be held on Friday, November 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Tate Center Grand Hall with lunch provided by the Career Center. Dr. Jolly will begin the workshop with a

welcome to the participants, and she and Laura Dowd will present certificates to advisors who completed the requirements for the Certificate in Academic Advising. During Session 1, the Office of Institutional Diversity will provide information about diversity initiatives and efforts at UGA. During Session 2, Amy Graham from Ellucian will provide an introduction to Banner for advisors.

Dr. Ruth Darling from the University of Tennessee has been selected as the keynote speaker for the NACADA Drive-In Conference. A call for proposals for other sessions will open soon. The subcommittee has recently created a logo, email address, and Facebook page for the conference. The event has also been added to the Master Calendar. The OVPI website will be updated with the conference information soon, and an announcement will appear in Columns.

Dr. Jolly provided an update regarding summer course offerings. She welcomed ideas for expanding the marketing campaign for Summer 2014 classes. The following responses were given: offer courses that can be used to complete minors; make promotional materials available to advisors by January or February; advertise the availability of financial aid; increase course offerings; provide advisors with a bookmark or flyer and a link to send to students.

The minutes of the September 20, 2013, meeting were approved with the following changes: The Area meetings for transfer orientation will be at 10:15 a.m. as usual, not at 9:15 a.m. as the Council requested at the September meeting with the Admissions Office. Also, Qualtrics submissions for the NACADA Drive-In Conference will be open from November 1 to January 15, not December 1 to January 30.

The following announcements were made by members:

The College of Engineering will move from the Driftmier Engineering Center to the Paul D. Coverdell Center.

Lisa Bedgood will start on Monday, November 11, as the new director of Student Services in the College of Education.

Meaghan Nappo is now working in the Office of Academic Enhancement coordinating the Freshman College Summer Experience and working with the Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship recipients.

Kali DeWald is the new consultant for the School of Public and International Affairs at the Career Center. Eleana Whyte is Martin Rogers' new assistant in the CURO Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.