

Academic Advising Coordinating Council

Friday, January 17, 2014

315 New College

In attendance were Ellen Martin, Laura Dowd, Judy Iakovou, Jennifer Patrick, Cindy Daniel, Misha Boyd, Anna Hiers, Rose Tahash, Amber Rayborn, Matthew Head, Ami Flowers, Diane Miller, Heather McEachern, Steven Honea, Julie Segrest, Jason Emond, Marian Higgins, Laura Jolly, Diana Fruth, Melissa Garber, Kelly King, Kathy Cohen, Lisa Bedgood, Martin Rogers, Maggie Blanton, Fiona Liken, Carol Roberts, Joanna Warren, and Elizabeth Petty.

Guests: Ted Barco, Sylvia Hutchinson, Tracy Giese, Caitlin Ward, Kelly King, Cathy Clutter, and Keisha Chandler.

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

Ted Barco, Director of the Student Veterans Resource Center spoke to the Council about the goals of his office and the advisor's role in helping military veterans be successful students at UGA. Based on survey responses, veterans indicated that the staff at UGA could be more attuned to their needs and more helpful in providing services for their transition. One of the main obstacles that veteran students face is completing their program of study before their financial aid runs out. Mr. Barco asks that advisors provide all remaining requirements and an expected timeline for completion when advising students who are veterans. Jason Emond stated that students may be able to get up to four hours of course credit for their military experience and suggested contacting Audrey Shinner in the Registrar's Office who can assist with questions regarding veteran's benefits.

Sylvia Hutchinson, Director of Academic Partnerships and Initiatives, discussed her efforts to spotlight learning outside the classroom at UGA. Dr. Hutchinson's goal is to compile a list of all of the student organizations on campus and make this list available on an easily accessible platform for advisors and students. Additionally, Dr. Hutchinson would like to create new organizations where there appears to be a gap in support. Advisors are asked to contact her with any current student organizations they may know of that she can add to her list or any ideas for new organizations. Dr. Hutchinson's phone number is (706) 338-7698, and her email address is smchutch@uga.edu.

Tracy Giese of the Office of the Vice President for Instruction presented the new summer school website, summer.uga.edu, to the Council. The website has information regarding courses, schedules of each of the summer school sessions, cost, how to apply, and registration dates. Tracy provided bookmarks to each school and college to use as promotional materials during advising. If additional bookmarks are needed, please contact Tracy through email at summer@uga.edu.

Anna Heirs provided an update on the progress of the NACADA Drive-In Conference. The conference will take place on Friday, May 16, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Georgia Center. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ruth Darling from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Laura Jolly will moderate a plenary session topic regarding initiatives of the Complete College Georgia program. A conference logo, PDF handout, Facebook page and registration site have been created. The conference information has been posted on the UGA OVPI website and the NACADA website, and announcements have been distributed to Georgia NACADA members and 80 key advising/student service administrators throughout the University

System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia with requests to share with their advisors. The President's Venture Fund Grant request is in progress. Conference registration opens on February 1, 2014, and will run through May 1, 2014, with an option to extend. A NACADA subcommittee meeting will take place on Monday, January 27, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in room 315 of New College. Members were asked to encourage everyone to submit proposals for consideration.

The upcoming transition to the new Banner system was discussed. All students registering for summer classes will be cleared for registration in IMS. Advisors were asked to clear students for fall registration in IMS until March 7, 2014. At that time, the Banner team will move the data from IMS to Banner. This process will take a few weeks. During this transition time, advisors are asked to keep a list of the students they advise for fall registration. Once Banner opens on March 23, 2014, advisors can clear the students that were advised after March 7. These dates are subject to change. The Council will be updated of any new dates as they are decided. The Banner team is working on granting access for every advisor to Banner and creating training information. Advisors will have access to training sessions and materials before students register for fall semester 2014. The Honors Program will no longer be able to provide early access to Honors courses. Fall 2014 registration for Honors courses will continue to be restricted to students in the Honors Program and will now be open on a first come - first serve basis. Questions regarding the transition to Banner can be sent to currsys@uga.edu, connectuga@uga.edu or Fiona Liken at fliken@uga.edu.

The minutes of the November 8, 2013, meeting were approved.

The following announcements were made by members:

Lisa Bedgood is the new director of Student Services for the College of Education.

Kelly King is the new advising liaison for the College of Education.

Julie Segrest is retiring at the end of the month, and today's meeting will be her last.

Dr. David Eisner is the new director of Pre-Medical Studies Program.

Tutoring has started in the Division of Academic Enhancement, and they have added an additional Chemistry lab and conversational Spanish lab.

The Career Center is offering resume critiques January 21-23, 2014, from 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Tate Student Center.

The Spring Career Fair will take place on January 29, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Classic Center.

The CURO Symposium will take place on March 31, 2014. Awards will be given for Best Paper and Faculty/Mentor awards. Papers are due February 14, 2014, to be considered for the award.

The CURO Office is offering \$3,000 Summer Fellowships to promote continuation of student research throughout the summer. Proposals and letters from faculty members are due February 14, 2014.

The Pre-Law Advising Office is hosting a Mock Law Admissions Event on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Miller Learning Center.

The Admissions Office notified departments that they will be distributing flash drives in place of folders at orientation this summer. Interested departments can submit two-page advertisements for \$1000 and purchase additional pages at \$500 a page. Dr. Jolly will meet with the Admissions Office next week to discuss this change. An update will be given at the March AACC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.