

Minutes for AACC meeting, 3/18/2016
Peabody Boardroom, Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by Paul Welch at 10:02 am. Minutes of the prior meeting were approved with one modification.

Reports of Committees

a) Professional Development: Mike Merva reported that space for the spring advisor workshop on May 6th has been confirmed and a save-the-date sent out; food has been lined up, but not yet a speaker. The workshop committee will be meeting again on Monday.

Dr. Friedline has offered to speak on the subject of prescription drug abuse at the next Advisor's Brown Bag Lunch on the 23rd.

The advising certificate subcommittee will meet next on the 22nd, and will be asked to report at the next AACC meeting. The subcommittee may need some streamlining. Administration of the certificate and the website are moving over to OVPI.

The scholar-practitioner subcommittee has submitted to NACADA to present at the conference in October. They are looking into a survey of advisors to gauge interest, and see if there are barriers to participation in professional development. (The need for the Advisor Connections listserv to have more universal reach was mentioned.)

b) Orientation: Justin Burnley reported for Julia Butler-Mayes; the committee is waiting until after the March 22nd orientation meeting to take further action; it should be meeting again on the 31st.

c) Transfer: Justin reported that college handbooks are being worked on; there are good examples from Grady and FACS. The committee's next meeting will be in about two weeks.

Reports from the Chair

a) Student Veterans & Orientation: Around 15-20 veterans are expected over the course of the summer; Ted Barco will be meeting with them at Tate from 1:00-2:15. Schools are being asked to see that students are advised either before or after this time slot, and also to budget a bit more time for these students, as they need to plan with the benefits schedule in mind. Ted should be able to send lists of veterans to school liaisons around 5 days prior to scheduled orientation.

b) April: The April AACC meeting has been tentatively set for April 15th at 10:00; a location is still being arranged. [Note 3/29: We will once again meet at the Peabody Board Room - PDW]

Unfinished Business

Paul provided AACC members with a complete list of committee and subcommittee membership.

Paul reported that the Assessment & Policies committee is researching improving advising surveys, specifically response rates. They should have recommendations for the AACC at the next meeting. Survey collection for this cycle should be over; the next surveys will be conducted in fall 2017. Reports will be due May 27th; Paul should be notified of who the responsible person in each unit will be soon.

New Business

a) Kiz Adams spoke to the AACC about the Work/Life Balance Initiative, which Human Resources has brought her in to conduct. She has been looking at staff demographics (60% of UGA employees are age 40 or older, for instance), looking at what other institutions are doing, and seeing what services already exist (there are many). She will be creating a virtual resource center, to further the goals of organizing, increasing awareness of, and increasing use of resources; target launch date is May 1st.

Kiz would like to use advisors as a pilot group, as they appear to be a good cross-section of the more than 10,000 employees at the University; advisors could provide ideas and feedback, and help test resources. Her contact information will be sent out on the AACC listserv; units will be invited to make people and time available to help.

b) Linda Bachmann provided an update on implementation of the Experiential Learning Requirement, which will begin to apply to incoming first-years and transfers this summer. A web-based searchable interface is being built to help find what will satisfy the requirement. Courses are being given identifiers in Banner to allow searching according to various properties. More about that will be presented at the next AACC meeting.

The process is underway to add another round of courses and experiences to the list of things approved to meet the requirement. They are aware of the need to provide no-cost options.

An Experiential Transcript is under development. This will be an additional official University transcript to verify a broader array of non-academic-credit activities, sorted into six “buckets”. These items will go beyond those approved to meet the requirement; learning outcomes, student reflection, and mentorship are factors that will be looked for. Verification of activities will be sought from more than just the student. A procedure will be in place to have students seek approval of things that are not on the list.

A mockup of the transcript is being worked on and may be available for summer use.

c) Greg Kline raised the issue of the new form that is to be used to allow students to take courses with duplicate-credit statements, and whether it will be changed to require departmental approval. Various aspects of the duplicate-credit situation were discussed, as well as the question of repeated courses (which Banner handles quite differently). It was decided that clarification is needed from Curriculum Systems.

d) Mike Merva asked about the status of Starfish and DegreeWorks Planner. Judy Iakovou reported that Starfish is still working its way through the procurement process; sufficient progress is being made on technical issues with DegreeWorks Planner that it looks like it will be a go.

e) Matt Head reported that he had found out that it is possible for a student to finish one undergraduate degree, start a graduate program, and then still complete a second undergraduate program later.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

Attendance list for AACC meeting, 3/18/2016

Paul Welch, Chair
Glada Horvat, Athletics
Ellen Martin, CAES
Kali DeWald, Career Center
Rose Tahash, CED
Maggie Blanton, DAE
Misha Boyd, Ecology
Justin Burnley, Education
Kelly King, FACS
Cara Simmons, FACS
Greg Kline, Franklin
Mike Merva, Franklin
Diane Miller, Franklin
Beth Rector, Grady
Steven Honea, Honors
Kiz Adams, Human Resources
Sharon Shannon, Online Learning
Linda Bachmann, OVPI
Judy Iakovou, OVPI
Naomi Norman, OVPI
Heather McEachern, Public Health
Donna Mitchell, Registrar
Ellen Pauloski, Social Work
Kevin James, SPIA
Laura Clark, Terry
Nancy Roberts, Terry
Matthew Head, Warnell