

AACC Agenda - Friday, November 19th, 2021

AACC Members and Partners, 10-11am

I. Welcome

II. Campus Partners Updates

- Student Care and Outreach (Megan Edwards)
 - Megan discussed the Campus-wide Case Management Team (CCMT)
 - This team is made up of representatives from several groups/offices across campus like advising, housing, CAPS, UGA PD, etc.
 - Advising is represented by Litashia Carter
 - This team supports students that are going through tough situations that affect different offices across campus
 - There is a flag on SAGE - CCMT - available for advisors to raise as a campus resource
 - Option for graduate and online students
 - Students are not notified when the flag is raised
 - This is raised when a student is having difficulties with 3 or more offices
 - Advisors are currently the biggest source of referrals on campus
 - Any questions, feel free to email or call Megan (706.542.7774 or meganedwards@uga.edu)

- Orientation Update (Larry Cloud)
 - In-person registration process opened this past Monday
 - The modules will open next Monday (11/22) for all students (first year + transfer)
 - Messaging from orientation team dictates that students will be contacted by an advisor within 3-4 business days after completing the modules (taking into consideration holidays)
 - There is an expectation that the earliest potential advising appointment is 11/29
 - Orientation will close the modules during the first full week of January
 - Orientation team will send out focus emails/texts to students in December + January for students that haven't completed the modules yet
 - Orientation will be using the portal again for Spring Orientation
 - As students complete the module - their names will show up in the order they complete
 - Best way to filter is by date daily to see the newest students added
 - The same individuals that had access this summer will have access to the portal for this session
 - If you need access - contact Larry (lcloud@uga.edu)
 - The College Portal provides the full list of expected students
 - This portal details the number of students that were accepted + the number of students that have paid a deposit
 - Question: Will advising offices receive a bulk list of students for making DegreeWorks exceptions for transfer students?
 - Larry will need to discuss this with Seth + will put in the request

- FYI: students can no longer accept admissions for the spring
- Bulldog Basics (Cara Simmons)
 - Thank you for your support of Bulldog Basics during the transfer to an e-store!
 - Since September 2021:
 - Completed 119 orders for 58 students
 - Some students use this week to week others only one-time
 - Top categories: bath and body, dental care, hair care
 - If you aren't entirely familiar, learn more here: <https://facsmag.uga.edu/story/from-idea-to-action>
 - Hosting a donation drive: Back to the Basics Donation Drive
 - See: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/bulldog-basics>
 - Most needed items under the donation section + wishlists
- Adjournment of AACC Campus Partners Meeting

AACC Members, 11-11:30am

- I. Discussion of Partners' Information
 - No questions or concerns
- II. Committee Chair Reports
 - Orientation (Melissa Garber and Amber Juncker)
 - Committee last met in October to discuss Spring Orientation
 - Larry provided current updates
 - Committee will meet early in the Spring to discuss Summer Orientation
 - Membership was sent to all the advising coordinators
 - Coordinators are able to invite additional members to join
 - Communication (Whitney Jones)
 - Latest edition of the Advising Oracle was sent out today
 - Committee will not be creating a December edition of the Advising Oracle
 - Plans to meet again as a committee in January
 - Mentoring Advising Professionals (Laurie Zielinski)
 - Working with the Networking committee to do a combined Holiday celebration
 - No date set yet
 - Communication will be sent out next week
 - Next meeting will be in January
 - Retention (Jenny Patrick and Laurie Zielinski)
 - Jenny + Maggie will be presenting at the advising workshop
 - Jenny has been reaching out to get a representative of each college/advising office
 - Workshop will cover the basics of Connect + Complete
 - Committee is meeting regularly to discuss all of the challenges for advisors

- Advisor Networking (Crystal Cooper)
 - Two events planned for December
 - Snowflake Cutting Contest: 12/9 from 1-3 PM
 - Remote Movie Event: 12/16
 - All information is located in the November edition of the Advising Oracle
 - Next big meeting is January 20th
 - If you're interested in joining, email Crystal Cooper (coopercr@uga.edu) for the invite

- Advisor Award (Julia Butler-Mayes)
 - Committee reviewed the existing criteria for the advising awards
 - Two areas were brought up for potential changes
 - Giving selection committee more discretion to switch nominations to other categories to allow for more candidates in each category
 - A new category of award to recognize staff that supports academic advisors in a unit (for example: administrative staff)
 - Committee let the group know if these changes will be made before this next selection year

- Training (Julia Butler-Mayes)
 - Now have access to Articulate 360
 - Central advising fund funded three subscriptions to this
 - Will add in more dynamic assessments that will make them more interactive
 - Ashley + Julia just completed training to the PEP
 - Tracking of training will be done through the PEP
 - Plans to have all this up and running by end of Spring semester

If anyone is interested in helping put in information in Articulate 360, please email Julia

- DEI Taskforce (Julia Butler-Mayes)
 - Had the exploratory meeting to discuss the idea of a task force
 - There were a large number of participants in the first discussion
 - Committee will need to collect data before any decisions are made

VI. New Business

- By-Law Conflict (Kelly King)
 - Kelly's concerns about a by-law conflict were discussed.
- Model for AACC Meetings for Spring (Greg Kline)
 - Current Framework
 - Members + Partners in the front
 - Members only at the end
 - Thoughts on this model?
 - Consensus on keeping the model in this current framework + having the meeting connected
- In-Person/Zoom for Spring (Greg Kline)
 - Partners will join via Zoom
 - Members will have a hybrid model

- Thoughts on this model?
 - Consensus on keeping this model the same
- Spring semester AACC dates
 - Greg will send out potential dates
- Unit Check-In (everyone)
 - Telework: How has it gone this fall? Plans for the spring?
 - Teleworking was discussed by the coordinators.
- Advising openings across campus:
 - Consensus that there is an across the board issue with low number of applicants throughout campus
 - What are ways to increase the applicant pool for advising positions?
 - Post job on Indeed and Higher Ed jobs, as well as, the UGA website
 - Will need to go through HR for approval but should be free
 - Send out email about the position to previous students in a program
 - Remove the master's degree requirement
 - If anyone is seeking candidates - reach out to Brittney Minor - Grady had several great individuals during their last interview process

Adjournment of AACC Members Meeting

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Representing undergraduate academic advisors from all University of Georgia schools and colleges, the Academic Advising Coordinating Council will provide expertise, leadership, and support for the academic advising needs of the university community. Through best practices in training, mentoring, research, and evaluation, the Council will maintain excellence in academic advising and facilitate student success, retention, and degree completion.