

## Academic Advising Coordinating Council Friday, February 19, 2010

Attending: Ann Crowther, Brooke Daniel, Laura Dowd, Jason Emond, Milly Gorman, Marsha Grizzle, Elizabeth Hardaway, Matthew Head, Marian Higgins, Glada Horvat, Patti Hoyt, Fiona Liken, Heather McEachern, Ellen Martin, Diane Miller, Tatiana Nikonov, Jim Richardson, Carol Roberts, Martin Rogers, Nicki Sauls, Emily Saunders, Julie Segrest, Sharon Shannon, and Paul Welch.

Discussion: Milly Gorman, Director of Orientation, joined the group for a discussion of Orientation topics. Milly distributed the calendars for Summer Orientation 2010 and announced other dates: Maymester Orientation will be May 10<sup>th</sup> and Late Fall Orientation will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. The advisors asked if she could consider moving Transfer sessions in the summer to a day other than Friday and a conversation took place on this topic. Milly indicated that the schedule is set for 2010 but said she would try to move the final Transfer session from Friday, July 23 to Wednesday, July 21 to see if that helps students and advisors. The next topic of discussion was the pre-Spring Orientation dates, one of which was held on the day of Convocation for the College of Education in 2009 which created significant problems for the COE staff, Undergraduate Admissions, and COE transfer students. Alternative dates were suggested by an AACC working group and a conversation followed. Everyone present agreed that the dates of December 8, 2010 (Transfers), January 5, and January 6, 2011 (both for Transfer and one for Freshmen) should work for all concerned, especially since classes do not begin until Monday, January 10, 2011. Finally, Milly asked if the AACC wished to continue the use of the advising video which has been used in the last few years. Misha and Connie, who spearheaded that effort, were not in attendance so we need their input, but those who were there felt the video served a good purpose.

### Announcements:

- 1) Debbie Bell will soon be training new facilitators for the Facilitated Discussions used in cases of possible academic honesty. If anyone on the AACC is interested in possibly being trained, please contact Debbie or Ann. Jamie is a facilitator so will also be a good source if you want more information.
- 2) Outstanding Academic Advisors have been named. Brian Fairchild, CAES (faculty), Clayton Foggin (A&S) are this year's winners and Anna Durden (COE) and Christine Franklin (Statistics) received Certificates of Recognition.
- 3) **Write-In Course policy – has been modified a bit and Ann needs a write-in course contact for every prefix asap.** These will be listed in the Bulletin and transfer students will receive information about how to take advantage of this to have write-in courses reviewed prior to coming to Orientation. Fiona and Jason will work on a set of Instructions for students that will appear in the Bulletin and also as part of the Orientation Worksheet. (I hope I got that right.)
- 4) the BOR has developed a new policy that requires students to complete all Area A (1) courses early in their academic careers. They are using 60 hours as the initial point but that will be reduced to 45 and then to 30 hours eventually.
- 5) The Honors Program Collegiate Entry opportunity will be reduced from a student's first two terms to just one term. This means that entering freshmen who are interested in being considered by the Honors Program must complete at least 15 hours (at least 14 of which are graded A-F) with a 3.75 cum GPA during fall to be eligible. Martin will let us know if the new freshmen who enter in spring will be able to be considered for Collegiate Entry after their first term as soon as he uncovers the answer.
- 6) Sharon S. announced that the Spring Workshop is evolving and that the planning committee was meeting right after the AACC meeting. More information about the Workshop will be announced as soon as possible (on ACADEME and the AACC email list.)

The next meeting will be **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Lounge in Rooker Hall.**  
We do not have a scheduled guest or topic at this time but if there is someone you would like me to invite or a topic we should consider, just let me know.

Submitted by Ann Crowther: February 19, 2010