**University Academic Advising Executive Council**

**December 11, 2015, Minutes**

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1. Minutes

* Last meeting minutes posted to UAAEC website

1. ACG updates

* Assessment of Advising Workloads survey results discussion
* All colleges on the Pullman campus were represented with a 35% response rate
* Final report with draft recommendations will be given to ACG by their January meeting
* Academic Advising Issues
  + First advising issue was presented to ACG. Discussion with involving ways to address the situation; also reviewing and revising the process for submitting advising issues.
  + Additional updates in the ACG minutes on their website

1. Sub-committee updates
   1. Professional Development
   * Brainstormed regarding various professional development opportunities advisors take on campus such as:

Brown bags

Best of Region in spring

UI ACADA forum in fall

Advisor training in spring

ACADA Region 8

* + Some of the above could be combined
  + Next step is to take the information to ACG for their input and figure out where to go, what the purpose is, and what to do for the Forum
  1. Service Indicator Project - no report

1. Conditional continued enrollment (cont.)
   1. Summary of last meeting’s discussion
   * Summation sheet of last meetings discussion handed out
   * UW has positive model regarding using a Peer Leadership course in the spring and the peer leaders teach incoming first-year students in the fall. Will get more information from UW regarding success rate. (Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs))
   * President Bernardo is seeking to have all first-year students take a freshman seminar course. Course would include Active Shooter training, Financial Literacy, Time Management, Sex/Booze/etc. A pilot program will start fall 2016 for a number of first-year students then all first-year students in fall 2017.
   * Sub-committee to work with Dr. Wack on President’s pilot program consisting of Amanda Morgan, Susan Poch, Terese King, and Rebecca Vandevord
   * Task for next meeting is the sub-committee will report
   * Rebecca Van de Vord shared information about the upcoming RFP process for student success initiatives. The freshman seminar course (conditional continued enrollment suggestion) might be a possibility if partnering with colleges
2. Reinstatement rule change discussion (cont.) - Tabled
3. Discussion of a policy: SSC Campus and ability to text students

* SSC would like to collect phone numbers and have ability to text students
* Concern: what are the legal bindings and what the content could be
* There would need to be a way a student may opt in or opt out
* Advisors could use this form to alert students of advising appointments
* Need to put boundaries on where the text is coming from and not sent from individual’s cell phones
* This group is tasked to come up with a policy
* Sub-committee to look into this: Rebecca Vandevord, Joy Scourey, Jeremy Lessman, Amanda Morgan and will get an opinion from ASWSU after the break

1. Academic Advising changes discussion

* Co-Provost Austin is interested in something different than what we are doing in academic advising now
* Several options shared in handout
  + Identifying student risk with regard to engagement, academic, combination of both or no high need in either area
  + Decouple advising from registration
  + Imbed academic success coaches in colleges/departments who also report centrally
  + Redesign of academic advising strategic plan including student learning outcomes and include this in a revised advising training format
* Student complaint: multiple advisors during their undergraduate years. Something the committee needs to look into
* Also discussion around this option: One institution had decentralized advising where 75 to 80% of students stayed with the same advisor until they graduated
* Advisors would need to be trained to advise in different areas than just one
* Advantages:

Student has the same advisor

Advising loads would even out

Solves the problem regarding changing on ramps and off ramps

* The advising restructure could also be part of the RFP for student success initiatives. More information forthcoming about the process and how to partner with colleges.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm