

University Academic Advising Executive Committee
Minutes
February 26, 2016

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Continued Discussion

- Academic Advising changes
 - Draft memo sent to Erica Austin and she has pledged her full support.
 - She did have questions for clarification.
 - Discussed de-coupling Advising from Registration allowing students to drop by to see advisor anytime—frees up time for advisors.
 - Type of workgroup would be how to implement and detail the two recommendations in the memo—more robust advisor training and decoupling advising and registration.
 - Concern: would all campuses be involved – yes.
 - First-year and Transfer students would be required to meet with an advisor until they have 30 credits at WSU.
 - Main discussion was regarding Erica’s question concerning students who have left, how to encourage their return, and why they left.
 - One avenue used to recognize these students is the “Cancel website”.
 - Advisors do reach out but students don’t always respond.
 - Working on Stop-outs and Leave-outs to be available in a website like Cancel website for all students/freshman who do not enroll after orientation or who don’t return after the end of the semester.
 - One suggestion is to proactively run query about who have holds and contact them.
 - Facts:
 - 4-year graduation rate went down from 40.9% to 32.4%.
 - 6-year graduation rate dropped from 66.6% drop to 63.7%.
 - Biggest loss of students is for freshmen; proportionately, the larger the freshman class, the larger the non-returning students.
- Committee asked to send ideas to Susan so she can get back to Erica with concrete things and time lines.
- CAS comments:
 - Against getting rid of mandatory advising holds even for sophomores and juniors. (SP: no holds will be changed and proposed recommendation details are still to be worked out.)
 - Advisors use their advising session to check-in with their student’s mental, physical, emotional, and psychological well-being. Jeremy L. has on several occasions encouraged students to see help with Health & Wellness.
 - Intend to give 2 question survey asking whether students want mandatory advising or not.
 - Want to be a participant on any committee formed and implemented.
 - No one sees how changes will decrease advisor workload.
 - Student would miss out information from college.
 - Be more petitions and digging students out of problems.
- Committee Comments: – useful to students as it spreads out students coming into the office other than the 4 week thereby decreasing registration workload.
- Changes in advising will be made regardless but will occur over time.

- SSC Campus and ability to text students (cont.)
 - Sub-Committee report – Amanda Morgan, Rebecca Vandevord, Joy Scourey, Jeremy Lessman
 - System-wide task force will gather a group on Monday to respond to the policy proposal.
 - Roll out by May 15th.
- Sub-committee updates.
Professional Development (Forum Planning) – Tabled.

- SSC Campus roll-out update
 - SSC Campus is on track to launch February 29th.
 - Platform calendar integration is still being worked on.
 - Continued communication through the advisor listserv with training schedule.

Other

- My academic planner is available in myWSU but only function currently is accessing the catalog.
- Bring in 4 year plan students would be able to interact with it better.
- Majority of programming is done.
- Need to get agreement then can get it up and running.

Meeting proposal for two weeks from now on Friday, please send availability to Susan.

Meeting adjourned 2:33 pm.