

## AAC Agenda: March 2, 2017

In attendance: Kera Tackett, Megan Baxter, Mindy Kinney, Brent Kane, Alan Lin, Jon Rosenthal, Jess Ray, Janet Tulley, Taylor Lehman, Allison Anson

Absent: Wendi Whitman, Amelia Noel-Elkins

- I. Approval of minutes from February 16, 2017—Motion by Mindy. Seconded by Megan.
- II. Focus Discussion with the Educating Illinois Task Force
  - a. Task force is in consultation phase. Over a thousand responses to survey and have had several focus groups so far.
  - b. Diversity, inclusion, attracting out of state students, cultural sensitivity, facilities (condition and size), enrollment numbers, lower student debt have all been topics. Retention rates and graduation rates are good but still improve.
  - c. Satellite campuses and the growth of online courses are intriguing to advisors. Students who have left campus many years ago and still want to finish their degree are looking for more flexible options. Traditional students also like some online options to help with scheduling. We want to make sure to keep the integrity of our programs and also maintain our advising relationships with students that are not on campus. Personnel, technology, and other campus resources to address the non-traditional schedule.
  - d. Diversity and inclusion are huge topics right now. More training for staff is probably needed. Underrepresented students wanting their own space on campus.
  - e. Due to the change of demographics, more resources needed for the Visor Center. Need more tutoring, coaching resources. This is apparent in teacher education prep. Lose many underrepresented students in the teacher ed programs at the point of needing basic skills; also the expense of all of the testing requirements is prohibitive. How can ISU help our students work with the State of Illinois requirements?
  - f. Course availability is always a concern for advisors, especially with increased enrollment. An issue for both general education and IAI. Classroom space becomes an issue, especially with lab space.
  - g. Campus solutions has not made anyone's job easier. Progress is being made but it has been a burden on everyone.
  - h. Increasing international enrollment is a goal. Advisors need more resources to speak to these students about how some of our certifications/licenses will transfer back to their home country. Need resources to help students with lower English skills. This conversation comes back to cultural sensitivity.
  - i. Task force plans to have a draft available for campus review in the Fall.
- III. Chair's remarks
  - a. Enterprise Portal Working Group—group has not met for a while. Meeting later this morning. There is a scheduled meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30. Usually meeting time is the same Thursdays as AAC but at 11am. Wendi is also on this working group so she could bring information to AAC.

- b. University Academics and Career Council—Amelia is also on this council so she could bring information back to AAC.
  - c. Temporary Chair—next meeting will be Kera’s last until late June, early July. Mindy will run the meetings in Kera’s absence.
- IV. Secretary/Treasurer Report--None
- V. Old Business
  - a. 4 year/Transfer Plans of Study—nothing to report.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Access to mid-term grade reports—is there a reason why advisors do not have access to all students instead of just those assigned to them? Amy Roser gave access to the 75 hour committee to see all students during review process. Security measures were put in place when this system was developed; a little confusing since advisors can see final grades for all students so why not midterms? If there is a need to see midterms for other students, requests can be made to Amy Roser. Why don’t students receive their own at-risk reports. We should probably invite Amy to the next meeting.
- VII. Campus Solutions/Registration—registration dates were assigned. Transfer student indicators were also entered. It appears everything went smoothly.
  - a. Can we make it so that students see the Fall date displayed on the main screen?
  - b. Fall shopping cart is available....is it supposed to be? RFP for class scheduler is still out there which could help with shopping cart.
- VIII. Committee Updates
  - a. Assessment—survey is not out yet. Committee is still working on it.
  - b. Technology –committee is concerned about next steps in regards to advising notes. At this time, the committee is in a holding pattern until we have approval to turn this feature on.
  - c. Teacher Education—endorsement session will hopefully happen in April.
  - d. PDT—subcommittees are planning upcoming events. Common reading email should be coming out soon.
  - e. Advisor Onboarding—going line item by line item through the wiki. Still not solidified but eventually useful resources will be housed on the AAC website through a log-in.
- IX. Student Representative Report—Peers utilized the wiki a lot so they are looking forward to the new version of helpful tips that will be forthcoming.
- X. Other business?
- XI. Next meeting – March 16, 2017

Motion to adjourn by Brent, seconded by Mindy.