DISCUSSION: Pitfalls of Advising

- Ed Wheeler - if students complete an area at another university, we accept it. In Area F, we must only use courses on the state list. Finlay has a list of these courses, and they are also on the web. Wheeler asked heads to spend time with faculty if they’re having advising problems.
- Mark Finlay - has had students taking core classes they didn’t need that should have been taken care of with a course substitution form. Even if a class says “ELEC” on transguide, there is still hope that it can be substituted for one of our classes.
- June Hopkins - reminded heads that HIST 1111 and 1112 can be taken in any order.
- David Wheeler - for teacher certification, PSC doesn’t specify what courses are required (?)
- Zaphon Wilson – has only had problems with transfer students and military credit.
- Lorrie Hoffman – has a few issues with the Registrar’s Office regarding students with double majors. Not sure if MATH 1001 will work for education majors.
- Judy Awong – problems with nursing students regarding which micro class they should take.
- Tom Cato – digital photography is good for non-majors. He set numbers back in Interior Design class in order to get majors in the classes due to the fact that it’s a popular elective.
- Jane Wong – students take developmental psychology at another university and sometimes it transfers as CEUG 1010 (education course instead of psychology course), which makes the students unhappy.
- Yassi Saadatmand – it’s difficult to advise transfer students without ___________ on transguide.
- Todd Hizer – something about students transferring from junior colleges and ENGL 191 from technical colleges. Some technical courses do count, but some people think they don’t.

AGENDA

1. Four Day Week Proposal

David Fairecloth, Plant Ops, envisions a three-day weekend. Some buildings – Solms, Hawes, Gamble, Victor, Ashmore, UH, Burnett, Fine Arts (eliminate any of these that
aren’t correct), the temp would be turned up to 78 – 80 degrees. The air conditioning in these buildings would be driven by humidity rather than temperature. Other buildings – library, Science Centers, ??? wouldn’t be on that schedule. The idea is for four 10 hour days to reduce energy.

Some problems with this plan are: It might not be the best way to serve the community and the four CHAOS weekends.

2. Budget Conversation

Each head should make a 30 minute appointment to meet with Wheeler about budgets. We’re not having budget hearings right now, and Wheeler doesn’t want to lose departmental hearings. For this meeting, please think about personnel in the next two years and operational needs in the horizon. When arriving for your meeting, heads should have notes (prioritized) to leave with Wheeler.

3. eCore

At the last department heads meeting, each head received a handout regarding this. Wheeler asked if anyone had questions about AASU becoming an eCore institution. Each semester we would publish eCore classes so students could sign up for them if they chose to. We would have to accept eCore core as a substitute for our core in certain instances. Curriculum committee member for each department should know about this. eCore doesn’t preclude us from initiating our own courses.

4. Flexibility on Classrooms

Each department has assigned classrooms. The department’s ownership only extends to the first version of the schedule. Sometimes rooms have to be changed to accommodate class sizes. Dick Nordquist brought up a problem that occurs some at night with Continuing Ed classes in that no one knows where the classes are so they are unable to help people find out where they need to be.

5. Effingham County Center

We will be sharing a facility in Effingham County with Savannah Tech in a one to three year window. The core will be rotated there in a two to three year period. AASU lost a lot of Effingham County students when we pulled classes out of the high school.
6. Curriculum Revisions

When curriculum changes are sent to the curriculum committee, they should be accompanied by a two-course rotation showing 1)____________________________ and 2) courses that don’t show up in course rotation.

7. Medical Benefits

Sometimes AASU hires faculty for one semester at a time, and that person does not qualify for medical benefits. This needs to be communicated up front to faculty hired for one semester only. One year temporary faculty are eligible for benefits.

8. Miscellaneous

Heads were reminded that the first Friday forum in November will be about communicating the purpose of the core to students. He asked for volunteers to be on the forum.

Todd Hizer brought up something here about honors leadership (?) and community service. Wheeler was not active in this decision. It potentially changes the genaity (you used a word that sounds like this) of honors graduates. Wheeler recommended it be put in writing to the honors committee (Nancy Remler and Jonathan Roberts) and for heads to reflect on it. We will not take action on it today, but will touch on it at another time.

Respectfully submitted,

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