

**Student Academic Success Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2005**

Members in attendance:

Sarah Kirk, Debbie Narang, and Kathleen Voge

Guest:

Rick Weems – UAA Chief Enrollment Officer

Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Attrition at UAA

- Reviewed the **Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Course Attrition Addendum to the Faculty Senate Recommendations** report.
- Discussed the need / goal to develop a follow-up report to this Attrition Report as part of our committee's charge.
- Debbie will complete follow-up for specific recommendations from the report and send those to Kathleen, who will compile items on a spreadsheet.
- The committee will discuss the follow-up report at the January meeting to determine actions and further recommendations.

Rick Weems – UAA Chief Enrollment Officer

The Process

- Admission Pathways is working well and is exceeding most expectations, but is still being streamlined.
- Most students can be admitted within five days of initial application receipt. Once application is finished on line, registration process is immediate. Rick can provide us with survey results regarding this process.

Growth/Status

- This approach started three to four years ago for non-degree seeking students when we had approximately 5,700 degree seeking and 5,200 non-degree seeking students. Current growth is in degree seeking students. We are now at approximately 15,000 students at UAA.
- UAA is currently targeting enrollment growth...though how we accomplish this is a bit vague...currently targeting both international and currently out-of-state students (transfers), also targeting Business, Education, and Engineering. National trends and local enrollment trends support these target areas.

- We will be at our highest this Fall 2005 semester...15,100 or 15,200 enrollment...mostly in professional and CEUs.

Questions/Issues

- Rick's office supports faculty policy...it does not create policy.
- Rick believes UAA should have admission policies for baccalaureate degree programs. Open enrollment can remain for AA programs. **We need to articulate who we are.**
- We must get a handle on GER monitoring. Common start dates between MAUs would help.
- UAA currently has an 18% graduation rate in 6 years. Top schools are at 50%. We need to improve here.
- No mandatory advising is happening unless a student is below a certain GPA.
- Big dilemma...UAA's change to bubble grade sheets was implemented with no increase in staff / support. The scantron software is no longer being supported. Faculty Web is a new product that UAA will be testing soon. There are questions involved with this potential change however.
 - Should adjuncts be able to enter grades?
 - Should faculty be able to change grades with no "oversight?"
- He said Mary Howard can give us an overview on the Faculty Web product. This product will integrate with Banner.
- Students should not be able to register for multiple sections of the same course. Rick stated that the main problem is in the PE department and their faculty not wanting to change.
- Rick stated that we should have priority dates for registration for those students who have already applied for graduation.
- Enrollment Management committee is currently being formed. Faculty will be a part of the committee. Linda Lazell and Renee Carter-Chapman are heading up this committee. Community campuses are also involved.
- No "floor" currently exists for UAA admission. How can we deal with this? Testing and assessment can be expanded. For example...you must meet this requirement before being admitted into this AA program. Can admissions be revoked? Can faculty set a limit? Maybe a general certificate program should be created?
- We need to obtain the average GPA for degree admission students to further investigate some of these issues.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Upcoming Fall Semester Meeting

Friday, December 9— ***Guest:*** Dr. Kim Patterson – Director of Student Support Services