

**COUNCIL OF
STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTORS**

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November 21, 2007
204 Whitehurst
10:30 – 12:00

Present: Bob Davis, Albert Colom, Steve Damron, Mary Kay Jennings, Karen Lucas, Martha McMillian, Kevin Moore, Rita Peaster, Jessica Roark, Craig Robison, Kristi Thrift, Missy Wikle, Dan Chaney, and Gail Gates.

1. Academic Integrity and Library IM Service – Dan Chaney

Dan Chaney noted that the Library provides instant messaging services to students for easier access to the reference librarians since January 2007, however, students appear to be using the service to complete orientation course assignments. Dan asked members if the purpose of their library assignments in college orientation classes was for the students to physically go to the library or to just know where to find resources. Members are to let Dan know the expectations and intent of the library assignments.

2. OSU Holistic Admission Program Proposal – Albert Colom

In the past three years OSU's admission requirements have increased, leaving High School graduates who would have been admissible under previous standards ineligible for admission. Currently, only students meeting the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education options 1,2 or 3 are encouraged to apply. An evaluation mechanism to assess cognitive and non-cognitive factors is needed to provide admissions opportunities to students with a reasonable chance for academic success. In Fall 2006, almost 20% of the students denied acceptance could have been candidates for a holistic admissions process, leaving incoming freshman seats unfilled by Oklahoma's students. The program will include student success opportunities and will be implemented in two phases beginning with a pilot program for Phase I and full implementation for Phase II. The program will have specialized considerations for admission by a highly trained review committee, components to increase success coupled with developmental advisement, small group mentoring, and first year checkpoints for academic intervention as necessary. The program will also be evaluated based on academic and campus success in relation to peers. Members approved the concept of holistic admissions but were concerned about the 8% students having the same requirements and opportunities as the holistically admitted students. Enrollment Management would like to take the proposal to the December A&M Board Meeting.

3. New Student Orientation – Missy Wikle

Missy noted that members had approved the orientation calendar and Dr. Gates asked if we had enough days for transfer students. Missy noted that a portion of the parent program will shift to conference style presentations and they will also create a sibling program. Members asked about a half day on a Saturday in May for transfer students. Members have to the end of next week to give comments about the calendar.

4. Remedial Course Exception Forms – Missy Wikle

Missy handed out copies of the "Remedial Course Exception Form" for areas to use and noted that the Registrar's Office will change the remedial code in SIS from 0001 to 8888 when passing COMPASS scores are submitted.

5. Undergraduate Admissions Recruitment – Karen Lucas

Karen passed out a schedule of Undergraduate Admissions Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Events and noted that Undergraduate Admissions has been increasing the number of recruiting events in the past few years.

6. Transfer Probation and Readmission Students – Karen Lucas

Postponed to next meeting.

7. On-Line Diploma Application Update – Rita Peaster

Rita noted that the Registrar's Office plans to present demos of the on-line diploma application program on December 1, 2007.

8. Other

The proposed addition of questions on the admissions documents for the holistic review should be approved by the scholarship committee.

Adviser Training Dates:

Turnitin plagiarism detection software training - ITLE

<http://fg.okstate.edu/fsc/turnitin/>

December 12, 2007

On the Horizon: The Future of Academic Advising and Technology", NACADA Webinar, ITLE Faculty Development Room, 126 Telecommunications Bldg.

Adjourn: