

**COUNCIL OF
DIRECTORS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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August 6, 2014

126 ITLE, Faculty Development Room

10:30 – 12:00

Present: Barbara Bremer Celeste Campbell, Steve Damron, Cheryl Devuyt, Jovette Dew, Jeff Hartman, Karen High, Keely James, Marilyn Middlebrook, Lance Millis, Jessica Roark, Richard Shepard, Missy Wikle, Robin Wilson, Lee Bird, Linda Good, and Pamela Fry.

1. Update – Pamela Fry

Dr. Fry noted that the handout reflects plans for the Student Success model. The model addresses the Learning and Student Success Opportunity (LASSO) center, Transfer and Veteran Students, and P-12 Academic Partnerships. Dr. Fry has been considering the name of the LASSO center and wondered if the name should be more academically focused. Dr. Fry plans to continue to focus on advisement across campus. Dr. Fry needs a small working group to begin to address some of the advisement issues. Dr. Fry will create a plan for the working groups.

Advisement – Steve Damron, Lance Millis, Jessica Roark, Amy Martindale or Keely James

Concurrent student focus group – Missy Wikle and Barbara Bremer

Dr. Fry would like this group to look at specific courses that would be attractive to concurrent students.

Orientation courses – Karen High noted that she could skype into the meetings.

The group will look at the recommendations from the Academic Task Force.

2. Title IX Training – Lee Bird

Dr. Bird noted that OSU is on the list for an OCRS (OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS) compliance review and this will occur this Fall. Students, faculty and staff will be required to take part in sexual violence prevention online training. This is a federally mandated requirement. Enrollment holds will be placed on the students Spring enrollment until which time the student has completed the training. It was noted that the training can be addressed in orientation classes. There will be a weekly reminder to students who have not completed the training. Student Affairs will send out a variety of information on the process and information will be sent from our OSU Communications Office and through the newspapers. Dr. Bird noted that she would check to see if the training could be completed as a homework assignment and how to verify. A follow-up survey will come out and this survey is not mandated but assesses if students might think differently about sexual harassment after taking the training. Members asked if students had the option not to answer certain questions on the survey. Dr. Bird will inquire and let members know and members also noted that it was not clear that the second survey was optional. Dr. Bird is happy to talk to any student having issues with taking the survey. Dr. Bird noted that if members have questions to be added to the Q&A, to let her know. Dr. Fry asked if the training mandate applied to high school students and Dr. Bird noted that this survey is for college students only but agree that training in the high schools should also occur. Missy noted that every new student is getting information on the subject. Dr. Fry noted that Behavioral Consultation Team (BCT) works

hand in hand with these issues and efforts. It was asked if students taking classes at NOC will have to take the survey as well and it was noted that it was understood that NOC will be responsible for their process.

3. Veterans Program – Cheryl Devuyt

Dr. DeVuyt provided updates in several areas. She noted that most of the “Finish in Four” plans have been completed and once she receives all of the plans, this information will be posted on the website. Dr. DeVuyt relayed to members that if colleges have already completed their “Finish in Four” documents to go ahead and post the documents on individual college websites. In relation to Veterans initiatives, President Hargis recently signed a Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pertaining to tuition assistance and other services for veteran and military students. A working group met to review the MOU and will proceed with DOD updates as needed. FAQs for veteran/military issues, including military leave of absence can be found on the Registrar’s website. As part of the overall student success initiative, there will be a resource office for veteran and transfer students. During Fall semester military and veteran students will be surveyed about their needs and what services they want offered through this new center. There will be no changes in the advising procedures in individual colleges and units. Thanks to all members that have worked on the transfer plans.

4. Proposed Revisions to Undergraduate Academic Forgiveness Policies: OSU Policy 2-0820 and UAR 6.13 – Celeste Campbell and Rae Ann Kruse

The revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Forgiveness Policies began as an attempt to clarify and correct discrepancies in the University Academic Regulation 6.13 and OSU Policy 2-0820 to better align with Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) policy. One of the topics of conversation was at what point should OSU allow the reprieve or renewal process to take place. Dr. Kruse noted that as students called Academic Affairs and asked if they would be eligible for this process, it was difficult to determine as the policies were not in alignment. Also, should this process only apply to currently enrolled students or should incoming students qualify. There was a motion to not allow students seeking admission to qualify for the reprieve/renewal process. A motion was also made to allow former OSU students not enrolled to seek reprieve. **Members approved both motions and the policies as a whole.**

5. Other

Advisors’ Conference – SAVE THE DATE!!!!

September 12, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 4TH Floor of the Student Union. Please tell advisors to “save the date” and an email will be sent to advisors soon.

Adjourn: 11:25 a.m.