COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES

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December 11, 2019 126 ITLE 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Bingham, Brenda Dawes, Linda Good, Ebonie Hill, Nick Holmes, Kelva Hunger, Cheryl Kleeman, Rae Ann Kruse, Amy Martindale, Marissa McIntyre, Marilyn Middlebrook, Bridget Miller, Lance Millis, Beverly Morris, Rita Peaster, Libby Reigh, Kyndal Roark, Sky Rogers, Kristi Seuhs, Richard Shepard, Candace Thrasher, Deb VanOverbeke, and Jeanette Mendez, Chair.

1. Gateway Exploration Day (Transfer Day) – Cheryl Kleeman

The Gateway Exploration Day is an important piece of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northern Oklahoma College – Stillwater (NOC) and OSU. There was discussion regarding a possible name change. *Explore OSU by Admissions* is now the confirmed title for the day. NOC would like for OSU to be more involved with the gateway students. The purpose of the exploration day is to prepare the NOC gateway students for their transfer to Oklahoma State. C. Kleeman suggested the possibility of a one-on-one meeting between the NOC students and their OSU advisors, however most DSAS members felt that the one-on-one student/advisor meeting during this transfer day would be too premature. The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) document that specifies an NOC gateway student's first 24 credit hours if interested in specific CAS majors might be a helpful resource at this time.

C. Kleeman also mentioned that better communication is needed regarding this event to create an increase in the number of students attending. Discussion revolved around making this event more of an informational and recruiting event. R. Peaster suggested having the NOC gateway students use the transfer equivalency self service system in advance of the exploration day.

Each OSU college will be represented at Exploration Day, as well as individuals from Admissions, Scholarships and Financial Aid, First Year Success and New Student Orientation. C. Kleeman will follow up with additional information.

2. Academic Integrity Warning Letter – Candace Thrasher and Jeanette Mendez

Students whose overall GPA is at least a 2.0, who have an institution (OSU) GPA less than 2.00 or who do not earn a 2.00 GPA for the semester are placed on academic warning. The warning letter does not represent a recognized status with Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE). Brand Management is working with Academic Affairs to create a more student friendly academic warning letter. J. Mendez and C. Thrasher were concerned that the current warning letter might be unnecessarily scaring students. Discussion revealed additional concerns regarding which GPA to use – only the OSU GPA, the overall GPA (for transfer students) or the semester GPA. FYI – CAS submits a letter to all freshmen students whose GPA is less than a 3.0 to recommend specific resources across campus to assist them with their education. The consensus from the DSAS group revealed that a resource letter from Academic Affairs should be submitted to all students whose current semester GPA is less than a 2.0.

3. Other

- Summer School Out of State Waiver according to Institutional Research Information Management (IRIM) data, far more out of state students take OSU courses either on campus or online and pay the out of state tuition than those who take courses at a community college and transfer the credits back to OSU. With this information, there is no way to support the out of state waivers for summer school.
- R. Kruse stated that First Year Success is continuing to seek new student orientation leaders. The application deadline has been extended to 1-17-20.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Minutes were recorded by K. Roark