

**COUNCIL OF
DIRECTORS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES**

MINUTES

October 20, 2021

Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/99545430954>

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In attendance: Laurie Beets, Chris Bingham, Leslie Evans, Kathryn Gage, Amy Gazaway, Ebonie Hill, Nick Holmes, Diane Jones, Cheryl Kleeman, James Knecht, Rae Ann Kruse, Kristen Kulling, Amy Martindale, Marissa McIntyre, Lance Millis, Linda Millis, Beverly Morris, Rita Peaster, Carisa Ramming, Libby Reigh, Kyndal Roark, Sky Rogers, Kristi Seuhs, Richard Shepard, Candace Thrasher, Deb VanOverbeke, and Chris Francisco, Chair.

1. Degree Works Update – Rita Peaster / Leslie Evans

L. Evans explained that the DegreeWorks upgrade was to be available September, 2021, however with changes in enrollment registration, the update was pushed back to Spring, 2022. Since we will be moving into an unsupported environment, IT has recommended upgrading sooner rather than later.

Testers will be needed from each college to look at the new visuals of DegreeWorks. Blake Myers will send emails to colleges requesting representatives, with hopes of securing testing representation from all colleges by mid November if possible. Advisors will also have the ability to work with the new environment in an effort to acclimate prior to the upgrade.

Feedback:

- There is more time available at the completion of the Fall semester in December
- Concerns were expressed that early February may be difficult for advisors given the transition from STAR to Slate. The Registrar's office indicated they would reevaluate timeline options with IT and follow up soon.

2. National Health Professions Week (Nov. 4-11) – Kelly Kavalier

The National Health Professions week is designed for students who may be interested in careers within the health industry. Because of COVID, many events will be held virtually. Jessica Priddy Bullock has been working with representatives of graduate programs across campus for health care related opportunities at the graduate and professional level in hopes of encouraging local events that same week. This effort is not meant to force students to pick a major but to give them an idea of what types of opportunities are available in the health care industry. See link below for details on national and local events. K. Kavalier asked DSAS to encourage students to explore this site. K. Kavalier agreed to prepare a flyer for distribution as well.

https://universitycollege.okstate.edu/preprofessional/prehealth/health_professions_week.html

3. Other

- C. Francisco announced that the Spring 2022 schedule has been posted and expressed his gratitude to the Registrar's Office as well as everyone who participated in working out a reasonable plan.
- C. Francisco explained that we are still waiting for guidance on the federal contractor rules regarding vaccine mandates.
- C. Francisco detailed the plan for the annual Advisors conference. Typically, the advisors conference is held in the fall, however we felt that a spring conference would be better suited this year.
- C. Francisco introduced Kristen Kulling, the new coordinator for the Office of Concurrent Programming and Advisement. DSAS members welcomed her to campus.
- L. Millis, Scholarships and Financial Aid, announced that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) applications are no longer open. Scholarships will be awarded within the next week.
- R. Peaster, Registrar, informed DSAS that the Class Schedule now contains search results and columns

for instructional method. The course attributes system is unable to be sorted at this time. Support from Ellucian is needed.

- C. Kleeman, Director of Transfer / Veteran Services, notified DSAS that the Oklahoma Statewide Transfer Student Success Conference was held Oct 19th with 97 attendees from 17 institutions. 41 percent of the attendees have responded to the conference survey with overwhelming positive responses. C. Kleeman thanked all who participated in the success of the event.
- C. Kleeman announced that Veteran Appreciate Week will be held November 8-14. Please visit the website below for further details.
<https://universitycollege.okstate.edu/transfer-veteran-success/veteran/veteranweek2021.html>
- L. Beets, Bursar, informed DSAS members that the automatic hold program is now in place. Enrollment holds will be placed on 10/20/21, as well as transfer holds and charging privilege holds. Credits from an earlier disbursement were placed on accounts that inadvertently released several holds. Those holds will be placed back on the accounts, so it may appear that there are a larger number of holds than is usual.
- R. Kruse, First Year Success, announced that their office has an open position in Orientation and Enrollment. This position will be working with families throughout the year with Cowboy Welcome and New Student Orientation. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact FYS.
- S. Rogers, Sovereign Nations, informed DSAS that the 50th Anniversary Pow Wow is being held this weekend at the Payne County Expo center.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54am

Minutes were recorded by K. Roark