SA Academic Advisory Committee (SAAAC) Meeting

May 5, 2020

12 noon - 1 p.m.

AD 611

Agenda

Attendees: Yvette Mozie-Ross, Jack Suess, Pam Hawley, Ken Baron, Nate Czarnota, Michelle Bulger, Ralph Caretti, Michael Glasser, Amanda Knapp, Collier Jones, Catherine Bielawski, James Hamilton, Brittney Stephenson

1. Update: COVID-19 SA Implications (P. Hawley)

Collier suggested that there be a banner that students can go to the Registrar’s Office information on grades for Spring 2020

* 1. Grade Submission
     1. Web page that will be Registrars Website that will allow students through DocuSign. The forms will be processed after the grade rosters are submitted.
  2. Degree Audit Updates
     1. Depts that are accepting the P/F will appear on the students degree audit
  3. Pre-req Overrides
     1. All P’s will be accepted but it must be a manual override by the department. Depts will have a REX report of all students who received a P grade and also the grade they were given on the grade roster. Will faculty do the override or will there be one designated person who will change the grade. Can be a person by major.
  4. Incompletes
     1. Proposing with instructors that if they have not heard from the student needs to ……..Will not automatically lapse the students grade. Will not assume that student needs more time.
  5. Withdraw
     1. Amanda will change the language and share with the group. If the student gets a D at another institution and is transferring to UMBC, is that going to transfer in as a P? Registrars Office will send out communication to the student’s with a D grade to submit a request to have their D grade changed to a P. Department would have to agree.

1. Update: Academic/Enrollment Planning Tools Enhancements (N. Czarnota/R. Caretti)

Effort being made to put something in writing to explain our academic/enrollment planning tools, i.e. degree planner, degree audit

Broken down to short, medium and large projects

Short - doIT will monitor reports for planner reports and make sure there aren’t any errors that may affect more students

Medium – engage with HighPoint to implement the HighPoint student experience. Enhanced user experience. Will streamline the process so students can move smoothly between planner, schedule builder and shopping cart. Will help student stay on track on their pathway.

Long – invest in HighPoint product.

Phase 1 – Summer project

Phase 2 – Fall project

Phase 3 – Fall 2021

Next step would be to go to CSEC for consideration and approval

1. Update: Next Generation Advising Center (A. Foelster/R. Caretti)

Come up with a template of where we want to go. Reach out to advising team to get suggestions.

myUMBC profile will be used as the entering point.

1. Update: Assign Advisee Enhancements (K. Baron, R. Caretti, N. Czarnota)

Michelles team has given their protocol on how they assign advisors to faculty. Can any of this be automated?

doIT is working on working with pre-majors and how they assign advisors

Hasn’t any other college already done this? Pam had checked at HEUG and other schools were also struggling with this issue. Ralph had found that University of Buffalo has a system of

1. Update: Student Gender Identity Self Service and Display (Y. Mozie-Ross)

Project is moving along. Slated for soft launch in July. Self service page will be available for students to specify the gender and pronouns.

August – will display this information on class rosters, profile

Blackboard does not have a way to display pronoun information.

Equity & Inclusion office will send out information to students to let them know about this project. They will also be getting the training set up.

Removing the field of gender in all reports. Will be replaced with pronoun.

1. New: GPA Calculator (P. Hawley, A. Knapp)

Does UMBC need a GPA calculator given the unique grading process for Spring 2020. May not be feasible to do it now but possibly we can create in house. Will have our repeat policy, etc.

Should we have our own GPA calculator?

Tie GPA calculator to be used by student in student profile.

Does PeopleSoft offer this? Ralph to look into this with Arnold. Will report at next meeting and then a discussion can begin on whether we want to pursue this.

Jack asked whether the students would like to have this. This was suggested by the faculty.

1. Review of Student Concerns/Issues (Brandon Liu/Y. Mozie-Ross)

No students in attendance

1. General Discussion, Concerns, Feedback

Next meeting will be in the Fall 2020 semester.

If there are any concerns or updates please let us know.