SA Academic Advisory Committee (SAAAC) Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2022

12 noon – 1 p.m.

WebEx Invite

Attendees: Yvette Mozie-Ross, Ralph Caretti, Amanda Knapp, Adriana Mason, Emily Stevens, Jack Suess, Arnold Foelster, Jeff Newton, Kevin Joseph, Bob Carpenter, Fatima Wajid (student representative)

1. Update: Student Experience: Enrollment & Academic Planning (N. Czarnota/R. Caretti

Functional areas are beginning their fit gap process, comparing our current PeopleSoft self-service pages against the delivered Highpoint pages in a test environment. After review, functional areas will report back to DoIT and Enrollment Management with any gaps (primarily due to system modification in our current self-service environment).

1. Update: S/U Grade Option Proposal (A. Knapp, A. Foelster)

New grading option has been approved by the Faculty Senate. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. Will be used only for P/F courses. Working with Registrar’s Office and DoIT to implement. Will be available as a grade option for Fall 2023.

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

Working with other departments to demonstrate the enhancements. Expectation is 100% participation from the departments. Allow student to see which advisor has been assigned to them. Need a point person who can help departments with any issues. Also, need to make sure that people who need it have the Adviser Role. There must be a way that a student’s advisor can be changed when the student changes major. Will look into creating a REX report.

1. Update: Student Personal Identity Data Systems Workgroup (Y. Mozie-Ross, A. Foelster)

Launched the ability for the student to update their middle and last name now in Chosen Name. A small sub workgroup is drafting a communication for new students to introduce them to these options and opportunities.

1. Update: myUMBC Profile (C. Jones)

Not in attendance

1. Update: Transfer Credit Processing (P. Hawley, R. Caretti)

Smart Panda’s tools; Rule Builder and Raptor have been implemented to assist in rule building and transcript processing. Together these tools will allow for more efficient transfer credit evaluation. We are working on REX reporting for KPI’s to assist with understanding both how long this process takes and where we may be able to improve or simply processes.

1. New: Student Analytics Data (B. Carpenter)

Move to next meeting

1. New: New Advising Registration Clearance Process (N. Czarnota, K. Baron)

With implementation of HighPoint, we needed to create a new mechanism for facilitating advising clearance because the HighPoint product did not support our current mechanism. We are now using service indicator functionality. There were some initial issues during the original rollout but those concerns have been addressed.

1. Review of Student Concerns (Fatima Wajid)

Some students did not know they can reach out to their advisor

Advisors give out vague information about taking classes elsewhere

Advisors are not very accessible

Ken will reach out to Fatima to meet about the students concerns

1. General Discussion, Concerns, Feedback