SA Academic Advisory Committee (SAAAC) Meeting

October 19, 2015

12 noon - 1 p.m.

AD 611

Attendees: Yvette Mozie-Ross, Pam Hawley, Molly Burdusi, Arnold Foelster, Joe Kirby, Catherine Bielawski, Jack Suess, Michele Bulger, Jonathon Kindred, Julie Murphy, Linus DeSarma, Amanda Knapp, Melanie Berry

1. Update: IPAS Approach & Plan (P. Hawley-Ross/A. Foelster)

An update was made at the advising committee meeting by Pam Hawley.

Phase 1: Near finalization of approval for the contract of College Scheduler. We will be able to give more data to student such as a particular course will take many hours of studying to pass the class given their work schedules that are built in also. Allow students to put in certain parameters and scheduler will give results of which classes fit into the parameters. Student can drop the classes into enrollment cart and then register. This can be used to suggest courses that are under registered. Can also do analytic reports – what are optimized schedules. Test soon to be implemented in the spring to be used for pre-registration for fall 2016

Phase 2: Development of academic planner. The goal is to take variety of tools that we have (scheduler, pathways) to pull together classes that will build a 4 year plan for student. We will have a clearer picture during the summer of 2016.

PHASE 3: bringing data to both student and advisor. Taking degree plan and bouncing against the courses and requirements that the student still needs to graduate.

Co-curricular Badging – Financial literacy badges when student completes a module. Reward or warning that reminds the student tht they have not met their gateway courses or any other things student needs to do. Will be viewed by advisor also. Would like to have a student group formed to find out what students are looking for.

Jack suggested that we articulate on the pathway where a course is offered only one semester. Class may only be offered in the fall or in the spring but not both. pam said that should be done in the people soft catalog and then it will be picked up in the ipas.

T he college scheduler will look at classes real time so the class may be full it will show this. if a class is closed that will be seen in college scheduler – it will not be seen.

Questions and/or suggestions should be sent to pam hawley.

1. Discuss: Improvements to Unofficial Transcripts (P. Hawley)

The Unofficial Transcript will look like the Official Transcript. This will shrink the transcript from 8 pages to 2 pages.

1. Update: Incomplete Grading Project (P. Hawley/A. Knapp)

Pam said they will be talking about this at the UPD meeting in November. Only update is that we would like to pilot this during the Fall grading cycle. Some departments have said they would go back to find out if they can be used as a

Melanie said that it would help if there was a handout that she can share with her department it would help people make the decision of volunteering to test. Amanda will send out the documentation to different departments. No one has gotten any response.

1. Discuss: Permissions Page Updates (A. Foelster)

Would like to have the default be all columns open instead of default being columns are collapsed.

1. Review of Student Concerns/Issues (L. DasSarma/Y. Mozie-Ross)

Will improvements be made to Degree Audit results? Will try and incorporate into College Scheduler.

1. General Discussion, Concerns, Feedback

Is there a way to see when a student has dropped a class. In class schedule to see the actual date student has dropped the class. This would be helpful for advisors when they are advising student.

Melanie asked if there is a notification when a grade is changed. Pam said that there is no automated notification. The notification should come from the faculty member. The committee would like to see if doIT can create a notification that can be sent out from PeopleSoft. We will create a Project to analyze this option.

Linus mentioned that a notification goes out from Blackboard saying that grades are posted.

1. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

None