

## University Advisors Network

February 17, 2021

9:30-11:00am

Join via TEAMS: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

**Attendees:** Bob Askins, Marcus Bell, Jillian Bigony, Jane Bouknight, Pam Bowers, Rebecca Boyd, Rachel Bradley, Lakesha Campbell, Harley Carrigan, Alexa Dean, Mike Dial, Nora Dragovic, Brian Dusel, Pinkney Epps, Amber Fallucca, Teresa Florentin, Lori Giordano, Christina Halliwell, Dawn Hiller, Sarah Jusiewicz, Rebecca Keilty, Sandra Kelly, Allison Kretchmar, Helen Le, Jenny Leist, Brandon Lindsey, Leah Lindsey, Amanda Lucas, Aaron Marterer, Ali Mathwig, Jessica McCartha, Sabrina McClure, Sara McConville, Paige McKeown, Tyler McNamara, Meredith McNeice, Melissa Lowe, Nicole Montgomery, Alexis Mynio, Bethany Naser, Skylar Pritchard, Rochelle Robinson, Kaylee Rogers, Lauren Sanborn, Kaylie Scanlon, Sam Schmoker, Kathy Smiling, Jan Smoak, Bridgett Tabor, Amanda Therrell, Jenn Tilford, Sandra Varney, Michael Wade, Donna Watson, Alexandra Weaver, Denise Wellman, Lourie White, Trudie Wierds, Amanda Zeigler

**Welcome and approval of January [UAN Minutes](#)**

**Kathy Smiling**

**MyUofSC Experience Experiential Transcript**

**Pam Bowers, Mike Dial**

- Transcript launch, Advisor resources: [My UofSC Experience - Academic Advising | University of South Carolina](#)
- Plan to launch last March was delayed due to COVID-19
- Will make the transcript available/live along with the QEP website in the next few weeks
- So thankful for advisors incorporating this into their advising sessions with students
- Students can go ahead and start creating transcripts now
- Students access MyUofSC Experience through Self Service Carolina
- The transcript is an official part of their academic record – will only be available to students admitted to UofSC by Fall 2018 or later
- Students must provide consent to have their transcript shared
- Students will not be charged for distribution this Spring, but by Fall 2021 there will be a \$6 fee
- Recipients of transcript will receive a Transcript Guide that describes components of transcript
- On UAC website, go to Advisor Toolbox > Advising Technology > MyUofSC Experience
- Distribution component is not available yet, but coming soon
- Important to engage students on making meaning of their college experience by having conversations about this system with them
- No plans to create an electronic transcript as of now, but students could post a PDF version of their experiential record

**Admissions/Increasing Under-Represented Students**

**Michael Wade**

- Diversity and inclusion is a fairly new role in the office

- Overarching goal to continue to enroll competitive and diverse incoming class
- Admissions Office has a staff of over 90, all experts within their own right
- Goals to attract qualified and diverse multicultural applicants and improve diversity of university's undergraduate enrollment
- Many recruitment opportunities: two different types – prospective and admitted
- Have provided virtual opportunities since Covid-19, including college fair in Japan
- Summer Seniors Program – in house pipeline program – for rising African American seniors, 148 attended and 60 have applied this year
- Hoping to expand into new programs
- Admitted Student Outreach opportunities—getting students to choose UofSC, able to reach more students with virtual platform and partner with other campus programs
- Going Garnet Virtual Series happening Now!
- Planning to expand offerings for D&I Discover Series
- Plan to keep virtual option even beyond Covid-19 times
- Please share if you are interested in partnering and share their website about D&I initiatives
- Reach out to Bridgett Tabor or Mike Wade if interested in participating or collaborating in any way (Share, Partner, Recommend)
- Recommend to students to utilize these many resources, advisors are the heart of the university
- We need to focus on creating pipelines for our future Gamecocks
- Links to important resources:  
Diversity & Inclusion Admissions Landing  
Page- <http://www.sc.edu/admissions/diversity>  
Multicultural Outreach Recruitment Team  
Application- <https://apply.sc.edu/register/admvolunteer>  
Faculty/Staff Student Outreach Form- <https://apply.sc.edu/register/FSOutreachForm>

### **Summer Minors, On Your Time Initiatives**

**Amanda Therrell**

- Piloting new program – Summer Minors
- Opportunity for students to complete a full minor in the summer (18 hours)
- Benefits – focus on one subject area, stay on track with major in fall and spring, strengthen resume, expand career options
- Minors Available for Sumer 2021 - HRSM – Retailing; HRTM, CEC – ITEC, DMSB Business Admin.
- When new schedule goes live – will map everything back out for students to see how they can complete the minor
- If your department's minor is a good candidate-contact Amanda
- If you have an advisee that would benefit—also contact Amanda
- Would like to add more, but depends on how courses are scheduled. Amanda can help departments who are considering being added

## **Spring 2021 First-Year and Transfer Probation**

**Dr. Catherine Studemeyer**

- First Years on Probation – First Year Academic Recovering Program – requirement for students who have less than a 2.0 Total Institutional GPA at end of their first semester, must meet with Academic Coach
- 48% increase in FYOP after Fall 2020 semester
- Not much increase in transfers on probation (8%) Transfers not required to do recovery program
- Largest FYP population since policy's inception in 2008
- Spring FYP enrollment increased by +40 students between Jan 1 and Jan 20
- 66% of FYP have either attended or scheduled required coaching appts as of Feb. 17
- Registration hold goes on this Friday for students who have yet to make an appointment

## **Financial Aid Follow-Up**

**Brandon Lindsey**

- Asked in prior meeting about how office handles EAB referrals – previous process was when they got notice, they would email students and then closing the case—issue with whether advisor knew if student had heard back or not
- New process- still emails the student, but do not close the case, and puts ‘student heard back from Fin. Aid and Scholarships’ in note.
- Open case now means waiting on reply from student
- Another issue that was brought up in prior meeting was about Financial Outreach Notifications – proactive measure to help students retain Financial Aid
- New Process – Will send relevant notifications to Paige McKeown and Mike Dial beforehand so advisors can communicate that information to students
- Mike and Paige figuring out how to house this in EAB Navigate now—it will either be as an alert or through cases – but will let us know when it is official
- Financial Aid wants problematic students to contact them—even those that are in good shape

## **Technology Updates**

**Brian Dusel**

- EAB issues fixed
- Advisor assignments look good, clean-up occurring, Brian will bug departments that haven't responded
- In-person and online advising - let Brian know if additional services need to be created
- Reminder – if you have Banner AppNAV access, log-in once a month or your access gets revoked

## **Reach Act**

**Sandra Kelly**

- UAN [November 2020 presentation](#), for reference

- A bit of history on this – there is a law on the books since 1924 that requires all higher ed. institutions to provide full year of instruction on federal papers, applies to any and all degrees
- UofSC has not been compliant with law, as with many other institutions
- 2014 Pastides wrote to revise law, but this did not go well. UofSC became target of accusations
- Move in SC House to start revising law into something doable, UofSC said needed law that was clear – Reach Act was devised
- Caslen and Tate want to get ahead of law and be compliant with proposed law
- Faculty Senate passed new policy - All incoming students for Fall 2021 will be required to take a 3-credit course that covers founding documents
- Course can fit anywhere (electives, major, etc) but students can count it in their Carolina Core
- Will be able to use AP/IB for American Government to count for this requirement
- Senate reviewing law currently, when it is passed S. Kelly will let us know
- Good thing about the revision is they are taking out specific subjects, so departments can fit it into their existing courses more easily which allows for more flexibility
- History, Political Science and AFAM proposing courses to fit this requirement
- Current Courses in Process: Poli 201, 304, 450, 451, 452 , Hist 201, AFAM 200 (none have prerequisites)
- DegreeWorks will be updated to reflect this requirement
- 3FND is the attribute for this course
- Advisors need to make sure they inform students they need this course
- Accessible and searchable on the Carolina Core Courses page of the bulletin

### **Announcements**

- From Brian Shelton (DMSB): If you have a deferred Freshmen who started USC in the Spring 2021 and they are interested in transferring to Business for Fall 2021, please have them contact Brian Shelton at [bkshelto@moore.sc.edu](mailto:bkshelto@moore.sc.edu) to discuss potential enrollment opportunities even if they don't currently have a 3.25 USC GPA and 15 USC hours. The students must have completed Calculus with a C or better in the Fall 2020 semester or have AP credit for Calculus to be considered for possible Fall DMSB admission.

### **Adjourn**