

Advisors' Council

September 16, 2015, 8:45 a.m.

UC Chickamauga

Members attending: April Anderson, Laura Bass, Debbie Bell, Emily Blackman, Nicole Brown, John Browne, Amanda Chambers, Angelique Cook, Donna Cooper, Sue Culpepper, Jessica Darsey, Amy Davis, April Ebbinger, Lindsey Felix, Angela Google, Avalon Gourlay, Stacie Grisham, Squoia Holmes, Elizabeth Johnson, Nicole Jones, Rebecca Littleton, Emily Martin, Kayla McAuliffe, Joseph McCauley, Deardra McGee, Amber Noblit, Shana Oates, Linda Orth, Nikki Ownby, Summer Patterson, Carl Raus, Mary Beth Rayner, Carrie Sherbesman, Marjorie Whiteside.

Others in attendance: Yancy Freeman, Jennifer Buckles, Ken Scannapiego

Call to order: Elizabeth Johnson at 8:46 a.m.

Welcome

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Marjorie Whiteside. The motion was seconded by Avalon Gourlay.

New Member Introductions:

Andy Browne was introduced as the new professional advisor for Criminal Justice. Andy also runs the online degree completion program. His email is John-Browne@utc.edu

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Jennifer Buckles spoke to the group about the new changes to the PELL Grant. The newest change is that students can now receive funding for 12 semesters. The question was asked about degree applicable and random classes counting towards eligibility. Currently the office has no way to distinguish between degree applicable hours and non-degree applicable hours. Soon, Banner will distinguish the difference. For undecided students, financial aid will use MyMocsDegree as a reference. If classes are showing on there, then they will count towards PELL grant. If a student only needs 6 hours for graduation, but wants to take 12 hours to receive the full amount of PELL, it has been advised that the student only takes the required courses needed for graduation. Yancy Freeman said that there are several new changes forthcoming and to please refer to the Financial Aid website for more specific information.

Ken Scannapiego discussed the HOPE scholarship and the recent changes that have been made. Students may receive the HOPE scholarship until they reach 120 attempted hours OR 8 full time equivalent payments, graduation, OR for 5 years.

Whichever occurs later is what the scholarship goes by. Summer term does count towards a payment term. What if the student is part-time? Payment will be initiated at UTC. Student must follow process for payment at other schools during the summer terms. Students cannot take 3 hours and receive the scholarship; they must be enrolled in 6 hours. Beginning Fall 2015, the amount of money received has changed. Students will receive \$1,750 per semester. Once the student is at junior status, the amount will go up to \$2,250.

Information on the UTC Achieve Award can be found on the UTC website. This is for students with 30 earned hours and that are hope eligible. The student will receive a one-time funding for sophomore year. Student must be here for both fall and spring semesters to receive this award. Please refer to the financial aid website for specific details on all scholarship and financial aid information.

NSSE/FSSE Results

These results will be discussed during the October meeting.

Announcements and Old Business

Yancy Freeman updated the council with enrollment information. Overall, there was 1.6% decrease in enrollment this semester. There was a 290 student drop in first year freshmen. However, we had a 100 student increase in transfer students. Several students cancelled enrollment because of cost. Tennessee Promise did impact UTC. UTC did have a 1% increase in retention and a 4% increase in the graduation rate. An Enrollment Management Advisory Committee has been created. This committee will be looking at best practices for the campus. We have created a transfer AIQ that will go into effect in the fall. This will take everyone's help to get these students registered. 68% of our students have completed the academic acknowledgement. In the spring, this will be mandatory for all students before the fifth day of class in all classes enrolled in. EAB is coming back to train CHEPS and Engineering and Computer Science faculty. By January, all colleges on campus will have had the training. Advisors' Council will launch a listserv this month for all faculty and staff assigned as advisors in Banner.

As of today, change of major goes into effect immediately in current term.

Career Fair is next Wednesday.

Student Support Services for Student-Athletes is hosting a tailgate for all advisors for the October 10th game vs. Furman. Tailgating will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the First Tennessee Pavilion before the 1:00 p.m. kickoff.

Mary Roland is still looking for volunteers for the NACADA Regional Conference in the spring. Please contact her if interested.

Questions and Concerns:

There were no additional questions or concerns.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.