

**Advisors' Council**  
November 19, 2014, 8:45 a.m.  
UC Chickamauga

**Members attending:** April Anderson, Laura Bass, Debbie Bell, Nicole Brown, Angelique Cook, Donna Cooper, Jessica Darsey, Amy Davis, Jan Gould, Squoia Holmes, Elizabeth Johnson, Nicole Jones, Emily Martin, Kayla McAuliffe, Joseph McCauley, Gary McDonald, Amber Noblit, Nicole Orr, Nikki Ownby, Sevan Paris, Carl Raus, Rhonda Reynolds, Mary Roland, Brian Tucker, Lindsey Wendorf.

**Others in attendance:** Yancy Freeman

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

**1. Welcome**

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the October meeting.

**3. Other Information**

- The December 17<sup>th</sup> Advisors' Council meeting is cancelled.
- Students will 42 hours or more without a declared major will have a hold placed on their account.
- The council will discuss the Transfer Reverse Opportunity more in depth during the January meeting. This is for students with 15 or more hours at a community college that would like to complete their associate's degree while at UTC.

- Yancy Freeman updated the council on the Tennessee Promise and the possible outcomes and effects on UTC. How do we compete with free? We are likely to see a flattening of freshmen enrollment and an increase of transfer students. We are hoping to bridge the relationship between us and the community colleges. UTC Deans and Mr. Freeman have been meeting with Chattanooga State and Cleveland State community colleges. Mr. Freeman is requesting advisors from UTC visit these local community colleges once a month to discuss UTC requirements and why UTC is the best choice. (These will be major sponsored events.) There is also the idea to hold orientation sessions at Chattanooga State this summer.

Jessica Darsey asked if there had been any talk about expanding the MOCS express. Mr. Freeman said that there has been talk about the logistics of it all. We still need to get with CARTA to discuss it more in depth.

Donna Cooper asked if there could be employers go to the community colleges to explain why a four year degree is better and needed in most careers.

Carl Raus asked if there was going to be any discussion on curriculum.

Letting the students know which degree courses they should be taking.

Mr. Freeman said that the Tennessee Transfer Pathways (TTPs) are being worked on. Hope to have them all update by the end of November. These will be expanding to 41 disciplines. We want them to be good examples for students to follow.

- Amy Davis spoke to the council about the creation of a Transfer Committee.

Some of the objectives of this committee are as follows:

1. What are the obstacles that transfer students are facing?

Why is this not a seamless transition?

Students do not know what to take before transferring.

What can we do?

2. Best Practices – Review
3. Would like representatives from each college

Please email [Amy-Davis@utc.edu](mailto:Amy-Davis@utc.edu) by Friday if interested in joining the committee.

#### **4. Professional Development**

Mark Rehm, Assistant Director and Counselor for the Counseling and Personal Development Center presented today for the Advisors' Council. Some services that they provide are: counseling, career counseling, and outreach. The center offers two major career assessments at \$20 each – The Myers Briggs and The Strong Interest Inventory. The center also does a lot of outreach on campus. Walk in hours are 9-11:30 am and 1-4 pm. There is a counselor on call 24/7. The center offers regular trainings on QPR for faculty and staff. Psychiatric visits are offered to students who need medication management. The center does offer presentations for classes on campus.

Jean Dake and Donna Cooper presented for the Career and Student Employment Center. Their hours are Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm. Some resources that they offer to students are: what to do with a major, resume workshops, related work

experience, connecting students with employers, career fairs, campus interviews, video resources, mock interviews, and even dining etiquette.

#### **5. General Questions/Concerns**

Gary McDonald asked how the assessment was going. Stacie Grisham was not available to answer the question, but Elizabeth Johnson did say that it was pulled down on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica Darsey mentioned issues/errors when registering for lab sciences. It was suggested that the students enter CRNs directly instead of going through MyMocsNet. It was also suggested that the records office change the attributes.

Gary McDonald asked where EAB was. Mr. Freeman said that the product was almost ready to be rolled out. The goal is to be able to use it in the spring for fall registration.

#### **6. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.