University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Work Group for Undergraduate Advising (WGUA)

MINUTES

August 20, 2015 – 3 to 4:30pm
Chapman 401

Call to order at 3:05pm

Present: Gesele Durham, Brian Hinshaw, Jen Hayes, Robin Jens, Hope Longwell-Grice, Jennifer Deroche, Scott Emmons, Rodney Swain, Phyllis King

Excused: Kay Eilers, Warren Scherer, Rob Smith, Louis Molina

1. Continue review of recommendations document
   a. Discussed exploring/undecided student recommendation
      i. Develop survey of undecided students—new freshmen and continuing students who entered as undecided/exploring to gauge their perspective of ideas included in the recommendation from language, e.g. undecided or exploring, to idea of funnels and/or meta-majors
      ii. Discussed the entering cohorts and how they might be parsed with slightly to very different needs:
         1. Academically prepared but undecided
         2. Academically prepared with a general direction but no specific major
         3. Academically prepared with chosen major
         4. Not academically prepared (higher risk) and undecided
         5. Not academically prepared (higher risk) with a general direction but no specific major
         6. Not academically prepared (higher risk) with a chosen major
      iii. Discussed continuing students and how many may have a chosen major but ultimately will face roadblocks when not admitted to major—failure to achieve chosen path. What are the roadblocks on the path—can they be identified earlier with the help of the SSC. They, too, can be parsed into different populations with slightly to very different needs
         1. Academically successful but remain undecided
         2. Academically successful with a general direction but no specific major
         3. Academically successful with chosen major
         4. Academically not successful and remain undecided
         5. Academically not successful with a clear direction but no major
6. Academically not successful with a chosen major but not accepted into major—what are the options?
   b. Discussed creation of executive summary to precede recommendations and briefly describe recommendations as a way to start conversation both with CEMAT and campus groups.

2. Timeline moving forward
   a. October 5th – Tentative presentation to CEMAT with recommendations

3. Assignment of tasks for next meeting
   a. Brian will prepare draft survey instruments
   b. Gesele will incorporate changes to recommendations document

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 27 from 3 to 4:30pm in Chapman 211