Enhancing Advising
Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2015
Present: Jen Hayes, Brian Williams, Brian Hinshaw, Alejandra Lopez, Mary Moore-Geissler (guest of Alejandra Lopez), Ashlie Schaffner, Kate Masshardt, Michele Fero, Tina Current, Rebecca Olsen, Gracelda Estrada, Ebony Cobb, Kathy Barnes, Angie Sadowsky, Kristin Roosevelt

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 10:30am to 12:00pm
Union Room 250

Meeting Minutes from January 20 were approved and agenda was approved with no additions.

I. EA Committee Business/Updates

- **Academic Recovery Module Update:** Next work group meeting will be Friday, February 13. No updates are needed since last EA meeting. The current plan is to have select students (such as work study students) test pilot the module before bringing it forward.

- **ASALC Update:** Group met on February 9, but no updates are available from that meeting yet. We do have updates regarding the California retreat many in the group went on. There were three primary “take away” tasks the university will be faced with:
  - Implement more high impact practices and see that what is currently in place is being used well and is effective
  - Streamline first year advising
  - Look into adding a campus wide academic advising coordinator

The Chancellor hopes to create a task force/working group/committee to begin these initiatives. Committees is not formed yet, information on that is TBD. Members of EA have been referred for consideration to be included. Kay Eilers, Jen Hayes, and Geselle Durham are currently anticipated to be on the committee.

The future of the ASALC is also undecided, we are not sure how that group plans to move forward in light of these proposed initiatives. EAC’s goal is to keep doing business as usual until we are told differently.

A recommendation was made for a representative from the retreat group to meet with the EAC to update the group regarding what happened in the retreat and what the next steps may be. The group identified Chad Zahrt and Aggie Northrup as two people they may want to invite, Jen Hayes volunteered to follow up.

II. Discussion/Action Items

- **A2S Discussions:** Assigned A2S Notetakers will receive information about how to take notes and what their schedules will be from Jen Hayes no later than February 11. Additional clarification about Notetaker roles and responsibilities was provided by Jen Hayes. Any additional information or changes will be available as the A2S conference approaches.
Jen Hayes preliminarily let EA members know their assignments to aid in the discussion of ensuring EAC advisors are able to have coverage in all session topics. Notetakers are encouraged to participate in the discussion.

- EAC will participate in the A2S poster session from 8:30-9am on February 12. The EA poster will be projected in the Wisconsin room. Four members of EAC (Jen, Rebecca, Alejandra, Brian W.) are working on creating the poster created in Prezi. The poster will encompass Academic Advising as a Retention Tool, focusing on the work EAC has done within the last year. The poster will hopefully be hosted on a website and will enhance the profile of the EAC and the work that has been done this year.

- **Campus Advising Climate Discussion:** Members of the group expressed concern about leadership and lack of cohesive direction in advising/campus initiatives in light of the ASALC news. It was expressed this is where EA plays a vital role as EA pushes initiatives forward and attempts to make and propose strategic and well thought out changes.

- **Work Groups for Advancing Advising:** None of the groups have met yet. EA is looking to establish a Consistency of Student Experience group. Michele Fero and Kristin Roosevelt volunteered to participate in this group. The group plans to attempt to recruit Laura Stark.

- **Professional Development Committee:** EAC wants to be sure advisors have professional development opportunities, especially in light of our budget crisis. Who wants to represent the group was discussed. Jen Hayes and Angie Sadowsky volunteered to stay on this project and are welcoming to other members who may be interested in helping. They also plan to reach out to Pam Schoessling who previously assisted with the Unconference.

- **Summer Institute Planning:** EAC plans to have a Summer Institute and Fall Unconference. For the Institute, several ideas were discussed. The Summer institute would be a workshop/hands-on opportunity for advisors. The current plan is to have advisors make a presentation proposal about what they are doing that is working and proposals can be accepted by the Professional Development Committee. This opportunity allows advisors to grow their presentation skills and provides “micro training” (short session) opportunities to keep attendees engaged.

- **EAC Spring Objectives:**
  - Begin work in our working groups
  - Utilize the EAC group as a “think tank” to help the working groups to move forward
  - Keep tabs on developments in ASALC and Chancellor’s proposed advising committee

- **Spring Meeting Schedule:** all meetings will be in Union Room 250 from 10:30am to 12:00pm:
  - Tuesday, March 10th (*Concerns were expressed the March 10th meeting conflicts with the University U-Turn event. The plan is to continue to plan on having a March 10th meeting.*)
  - Tuesday, April 14th
  - Tuesday, May 12th

- Meeting adjourned

*Minutes submitted by Jen Hayes, EA Committee Chair & Brian Williams on 2/10/15.*