

Members Present:

K. Barnes, L. Becker, S. Byrne Irwin, K. Cellitti, C. Cepeda, R. Cocos, T. Current, J. DeRoche, J. Dvorak, L. Fitzenberger, S. Forbes, S. Gosz, S. Gruzis, J. Harper, J. Hawkins, B. Hinshaw, TJ Jeske, A. Joseph, S. Kaempfer, C. Kaye, M. Knasinski, K. Koncki, G. Kopke, S. Martin, S. McCarthy, R. McGraw, S. Mitchell, A. Northrup, C. Patterson, M. Petrie, J. Rahmer, C. Rasavong, K. Raymond, A. Rodriguez, K. Roosevelt, M. Schmid, D. Vang, J. Wishman, C. Wolf, A. Wrench, S. Zlotocha

Jeffrey Merrick – Updates to the new GER initiative: ‘Give the Students a Compass’

The new GER initiative taskforce met regularly during the summer and identified three core areas of focus:

1. Program Assessment – focus on student learning outcomes; met with over 50 departments
2. First Year Experience – key area where instructors and advisors can be involved; work is ongoing with Access to Success; Ruth Williams met with clusters of deans talking about a common First Year Experience; gateway courses are a possibility
3. Reaching Consensus on what GER are – rethink and/or reduce from the current list of 650+. Rethink Gen Ed, possibly make a connection between courses in the 1st and 2nd year and the major. Learning outcomes can be a way to look at this. Transfer students and the impact is still an issue to be dealt with.

Jeff Merrick looks forward to coming back in the spring to give another update.

Seth Zlotocha – Interactive Audit

The new Interactive Audit will be released next month. Seth covered why there is a new report, what to expect with the new report and provided a live demo.

Since Degree Progress Reports went live in mid March, 26,000 students have run degree progress reports, at least 350 from every school/college with May 09 being the biggest month. New report with PAWS version 9 designed for more student usage along with a new improved look and feel. A connection to the planner and enrollment features as well as an easier way to provide links to external websites are all new elements to the new Degree Progress Report. The old transcript-based report is still accessible for staff. Students and faculty will only have access to the new version starting November 2nd.

Terminology – AAR (Academic Advisement Report) is the new and interactive version. DPR – Degree Progress Report is the old transcript based report.

Monday, November 2nd AAR is released and available to all students and staff. Advisors and faculty advisors on that date with access issues should report those to Seth Zlotocha. Everyone who has access to the old DPR should have access to the new AAR. If you didn't have access to DPR you won't have access to the new version.

Live Demo was reviewed on PAWS

There is a web based tutorial and information available for students. A mass e-mail will be sent as well to notify students of the changes. Advisement Website can be found at <http://advisement.uwm.edu>. There are four sections – students, advisor/staff, working group, and FAQ. The site is not currently 100% complete but will be soon. The site was created to get the information out. Please direct students to this site for assistance. DES will be sending out an e-mail about this information but word of mouth always helps. Numbers of students using this tool should go up with ease of running reports. There is a list of the representatives for each School/College listed under the working group is there are any additional questions.

Judith Wishman – PantherPlan; A Web Based Workshop for Students on Probation

Judith Wishman created PantherPlan, a web based workshop for students on probation within the College of Letters and Science. Probationary students are sent a letter by Tom O'Bryan with information and a link to the PantherPlan. This web based tool went live in July of this summer. Students are provided information on what it means to be on probation, help the students to realize what

circumstances led to them being on probation and how to optimize their academic performance so that can return to good academic standing. There is also a worksheet included for students to complete along with an Academic Improvement Plan that is used when meeting with an Academic Advisor.

Katie Miota – ACN Representation on Orientation Leadership Team

The Orientation Leadership Team meets once a month from now until January and then twice a month until the NFO summer dates are completed. The OLT is looking for an additional volunteer from ACN. There is currently one advisor from L&S and one from Health Sciences who are on the OLT. Ideally the team is looking for someone from another school/college to volunteer. If anyone is interested in joining, send Katie Miota an e-mail with your stated interest.

Campus Community Reports

- Enhancing Advising Subcommittee
New Freshman Probation Hold presentations will be held on both November 4th and November 5th. Advising brochures are currently at the printers and will be available by Open House.
- Graduate/Retention Workgroup
This group has still not met since last spring.
- Financial Aid
No report
- Center for International Education
International Education Week is November 16th through November 20th There will be an e-mail sent out to all of ACN with more detailed information about the events throughout the week.
- LGBT Resource Center
No report
- Women's Recourse Center
UWM has identified three lactation spaces on campus to pump. Those three spaces include the Union, Cunningham and Engelmann. There is a website available with more information for students and staff.
- Enrollment Services
Katie Miota is currently working on meeting the needs of new transfer students interested in UWM by boosting HMTL e-mails and communication to transfer students. If any advisors knows of any transfer student(s) who can talk about their experience through a blog or website, please get in contact with Katie Miota. Ideally Katie would like to use the transfer students ideas and information to best connect with other transfer students.
- First Year Center
No report
- Student Accessibility Center
No report
- Panther Academic Support Services
Final copies of the Passport flyers are now available. Johanna Dvorak commended Judith Wishman on her work with students on probation. We were reminded that learning and studies strategies are also available online through PASS and might be of some assistance when working with students on probation. Study groups can be formed online. The Learning Commons now has study group space and a staff person. There are 45 courses available through SI (Supplemental Instruction). Study skills available in East 154 resource area in library as well as in Bolton. Online tutoring is also available for students in online courses.

General Announcements

- Applications for the 2009 Recognition Award are due by noon on November 17th.
- Kristin George was introduced to the ACN group. She manages the front line in the Lubar Advising offices.

Next ACN meeting: Tuesday, November 17th 8:30 a.m. Union 191