

Academic Affairs Council
Meeting Summary – January 13, 2009
Boardrooms

Present: Virgil Agnew, Scott Anselm, Bridgid Backus, Rod Carter, Margarita Casas, Sarah Chaney, Bruce Clemetsen, Darci Dance, Jeff Davis, Pamela Dunn, Richard Gibbs, Fred Haynes, Beth Hogeland, Kristen Jones, David Kidd, Wendy Krislen-Adams, Mary Ann Lammers, Dan Lara, Cathy Lovingier, Elizabeth Lundy, Karin Magnuson, Ann Malosh, Dawn McNannay, Sally Moore, Audrey Perkins, Jorry Rolfe, Gary Ruppert, Carol Schaafsma, Tom Smithburg, Linda Spain, Christy Stevens, Jenny Strooband, Mark Weiss, Gary Westford, and Jerri Wolfe

Absent: John Aikman, Jim Bell, Sherri Billetter, Russ Burchard, Perry Carmichael, Patsy Chester, Dodi Coreson, Lynne Cox, Denis Green, Alan Heywood, Jim Huckestein, Sharon Ketchum, David Ketler, Kathy Knecht-Miner, Jan Konzack, Phil Krolick, Janet Lodge, Ihadira López de Search, Faye Melius, John Niedermann, Steve Pearson, Bryan Schiedler, Ron Sharman, Alice Sperling, John Sweet, Bill Thallemer, and Jerry Wille

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Richard Gibbs

Advising Presentation: Mark Weiss and Gary Ruppert
The group was asked to share with their neighbors the following:

- In advising, what is one thing your area works well?
- In advising, what are the challenges and frustrations?

Mark shared what the role is of the Advising Delivery Committee.

In 1991-92 all students came to Counseling for advising, students waited up to three hours. A Title 3 grant was received and New Student Orientation began. Most faculty thought they should be advising students in their programs. During the last accreditation we were dinged regarding advising because of Mark Weiss. The college decided to put some money behind advising and did some research to improve our ways. Some things that the committee is focusing on are:

- Forced intervention
- First-year experience class
- Support for student registration and questions.

Gary introduced the three Academic Advisors:

- Patrice Wright – Arts & Communication
- Danielle Jarkowsky – Health Occupations
- Marci Johnston – Business & Computer Systems

Some of the things they do are:

- Tracking – putting information into a database
- Create cohort groups from NSO's
- Keep track of how many students they see
- Keep track of how they helped the student

The Academic Advisor does not replace the instructor advisor, they can assist. The planner is not assisting students with transfer or career options. They are helping with scheduling and giving resources to be successful. If they see that some intervention may be needed, they will send the student to work

with an advisor or with counseling. They have training from Angie and Financial Aid to help with degree audits, and teach the students to use the tools to schedule their own classes. They send the student to an advisor when necessary. The planner can refer the student into the right class (pre-requisite) and to the right advisor.

These three areas were chosen because there seemed to be a lack of follow-up with students noted by the accreditation team.

Major codes are not always accurate in Banner. We need to track students and help them to get where they want. The undecided students are a high risk and easily lost, these students need to go through Counseling. There may be a need to hire a planner just to work with undecided students which is 30% of our population.

Many students are not ready to enter a degree program that they have identified as a major. Many need to have developmental assistance before entering a program. In order to receive Financial Aid they need to declare a major.

Future Ideas:

- Continue this program
- Advisor Academy in the summer for 2 or 3 days
- Have faculty from a program spend some time advising

The question was asked: Can we canvas students to see how they are being served or what they need. The planners were acknowledged and excused from the meeting.

Richard Gibbs asked the question: What is done well in your department?

- Ag department has eight small programs and all the faculty advise
- Have a first year advisor manual
- All students meet every term with advisor for the first year
- OK with scheduling
- Ask questions to figure out the right path for the student
- Develop long term relationship
- Keep a notebook with planning guides to follow-up
- Linking Development Studies with Child Development studies

What are we doing for tracking?

- Use tools in Banner to view/help identify students that fall through the cracks
- We need to know what needs to be tracked
- An investment in software for tracking needs

What kinds of things Development Studies can do to help?

- Success stories would be helpful to others. They need to see that students can take more time and still reach their goal.
- Helping students stay engaged

What makes a good advisor?

- One that gives good information

- One that has knowledge in the subject
- One that has the ability to build relationships

Bring more feedback to the next meeting. Let Richard Gibbs know if you have something to share.

Campus Global Warming Information update: Stefan Seiter

Stefan shared that LBCC will participate in the National Global Warming on Feb. 5, 2009. The focus is on solutions.

Events:

- An interaction discussion with the mayor of Albany and Corvallis, an advisor from the Governor's office, and someone from Peter DeFazio's office. The discussion will be from 11-12:45 in the Forum. Questions that will be discussed are:
 - What are they doing about global warming?
 - How they see the future?
 - What will they do to get there?
- A student lead event starting at 1 p.m. Students from OSU and LBCC will talk about a sustainable campus and what that would look like.
- There is a Webcast by University of Colorado on how to stabilize the climate in the first 100 days of the new administration. The cast will be Feb. 5, 2009 from 10 – 10:45 a.m.
- From 3 – 4 p.m. there will be a speaker regarding bridging the facts.

Jorry Rolfe shared that the Library has resources on the web page and they are holding a video contest for students.

Carol Schaafsma shared that the Counseling Department helps not only in advising but with grief and personal problems.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be on January 27, 2009