University College
“Share Your Successes”
Thursday, March 24, 2011

Attendance: Okai Strickland, Judy Watson, Pam Daniels, Anne Marie Gillespie, Connie Bookshaw, Deb Cox, Dr. Erickson, Dr. Eisler, Jane Pole, Helen Woodman, and Nina Davis.

Judy Watson (Coordinator, TIP):
- Reported the following retention rates:
  - Freshman (Fall to Spring) 89%
  - Overall (Fall to Spring) 91%
- Contacted advisors/counselors of TIP students who are Seniors to be sure they have enough credits to graduate.
- Mentioned that she is trying to expose students to all areas at Ferris that can help them keep on track and help them be successful and finish their degree.

Deb Cox (Department Head, ECDS):
- Explained that the Educational Counselors, with the exception of Anne Marie Gillespie, are at a Career Fair/Transfer Fair today.
- Mentioned that an Academic Advising Survey went out to all faculty to find out what they really want.
- Reported that three advising workshops are scheduled for this spring and that 26 advisors are signed up to attend. Starting fall semester, workshops will be held once a month. These workshops will address disabilities and how to get the student to open up more and be their own advocate in the classroom.
- Participated in two future educators workshops talking about disabilities which identified challenges that disabilities students face.
- Stated that Sharon George is the new Educational Counselor for the College of Business.
- Stated that Mike Ropele has been a positive addition to the College of Engineering Technology.
- Mentioned that there is a new feature where students can find out more about Ferris majors:
  - To find on Ferris’ website go to: Academics, Degrees/Majors, It is the 4th bullet down.
  - What can I do with this degree? How much can I earn?
  - At present it is functional, but still under construction, should be complete by June 30th.

Pamela Daniels (Secretary 2, FSUS/Perkins):
- Thanked Dr. Eisler for keeping us informed and for his work with the legislature.
- Mentioned that $1,200 has been raised for the Joan Totten Scholarship through the “Jeans for Joan” campaign.
Okai Strickland (Administrative Support, SCHOLAR/Student with Children):
- Mentioned that SCHOLAR/Students with Children/TIP has collaborated on several events.
- Reported that students are very appreciative of the activities, events, and speakers that the different programs have provided.
- Stated the students with children are happy to have a chance to meet and interact with other students who are parents. This helps them the chance to collaborate with one another for study groups, daycare, etc.

Anne Marie Gillespie (Educational Counselor, UC/Arts & Sciences):
- Mentioned that she is the co-chair of a Task Force following the Virginia Tech shooting.
- Reported that they are working with the “Connect the Dots” Training package.
  - Almost ready to launch first survey to the University to find out what areas the faculty/staff need the most training in
  - Training will start this Fall
  - Plan to do several trainings

Lynnae Selberg (Educational Counselor, UC/Allied Health – Deb Cox relayed):
- Discussed the following topics:
  1. MyDegree: We successfully launched MyDegree with minimal issues and we had over 14,000 audits run in the first few weeks. In the College of Allied Health, we have faculty requiring students to map out in the “planner” function the next two semesters in order to have their advising hold lifted. We are using the “what if” audits for all students coming in for major changes within the Dean’s Office.
  2. Transfer Seminar: Rather than having new transfer students come to orientation, we took a new approach this spring. We had the new transfer students come to a one hour “transfer seminar” where we covered policies and procedures specific to Ferris, the College of Allied Health and specific programmatic information.
  3. NACADA Presentation: Julie Rudolph and Lynnae are presenting at the NACADA conference about all of the advising and student success programs we have implemented through University College here at Ferris (DIST 100, Strategies, Advisor Training, MyDegree, Transfer Seminar, Plan B workshops, test anxiety workshops, advising tools & resources).

Helen Woodman (Department Chair, Developmental Curriculum):
- Mentioned that Gloria Lukusa Barnett is piloting an on-line Career Exploration class this semester.
- Reported that she is working towards a community outreach reading intervention project.
Jane Pole (Supervisor, Academic Support Center):
- Stated that it is a pleasure working for University College.
- Reported that we touch a lot of student lives in our colleges and that students seem to return semester after semester even though they have moved on to the program of their choice because they know our doors are always open.
- Mentioned that Dr. Potter is a great leader, collaborator, data collector, and wonderful to work for.