

Advising Council Meeting

March 17, 2015

- 10:10 AM: Meeting called to order by Rodney Gammons
 - Welcomed everyone to the March 2015 Advising Council meeting
 - Around the room introductions of those in attendance
- 10:15 AM: **Sustainability Committee Updates** (see attached PPT presentation)
 - Speaker: Barbara Little – Harsh, Chair Sustainability committee
 - Accomplishments Planning
 - Accomplishments Operations
 - Accomplishments Outreach
 - Accomplishments Curriculum
- 10:35 AM: **Records Updates** ([link for presentation](#))
 - Speaker: Mike Hutley, Registrar & Jen Thomas, Assistant Registrar
 - Please send all notification updates to the notification committee
 - Auto Graduation
 - Auto populates for students with zero hours remaining; student does not need to apply for graduation
 - Auto graduation determines ALL degrees student would be eligible to graduate with (AA, AS, Certificates)
 - Students will have the option to opt out of graduation
 - There will be 3 graduation ceremonies Spring 2015 term due to the number of graduating students; will be available to view on website
 - Email of upcoming scheduling
 - Email to let students and staff on ListServe know that the schedule will be a “ready only” file prior to registration date for a term
 - Registration checklist

- COMING SOON!!!! Rules & Regulations agreement prior to registration. Students will have to agree to approximately 10 statements in order to register for classes including dual enrolled students
- FERPA
 - Friendly Reminder: Be sure to stay compliant
 - When in doubt – ASK
 - Must have approval to speak to a student with someone else in the room
 - Future training sessions & references coming soon from Records
- 10:55 AM: **IT Updates**
 - Speaker: John Chapman, Director Information Technology
 - AA degree audit 2015-2016 changes
 - New degree audit for all incoming students only (new to student selecting AA and transfer students)
 - Students readmitting will be under the new degree audit
 - Office 365
 - Available to student in May 2015
 - Passwords will be changing on eSantaFe (will be like eStaff)
 - Will require special characters
 - Will expire every 120 days
 - Will have predefined questions to answer when needing to reset the password
 - FA Mobile
 - Due to staff turnover this has been on hold; hopefully will update in summer
 - In future will be adding advisement, etc.
 - Software Migration
 - Upgrading in the process

- Will wait to implement till summer classes start, approximately May 11th or so
- Survey to students for QEP for advisement to be sent out soon
- 11:05 AM **BREAK**
- 11:16 AM **Financial Aid Updates**
 - Speaker: Mia Mwangi, Acting Director of Financial Aid
 - New staff introductions
 - Scott Cutshall, Verification specialist
 - Denise Hopper, Doc. Mgmt. & Client Services Specialist
 - Greg Edwards, Financial Literacy Specialist
 - Line Apple – virtual lines application recently implemented in the financial aid office
 - FAFSA PIN is being replaced with a user ID and password (coming soon)
 - Forms updated and listed on the website
 - Pre-requisites & funding changes
 - Will soon be able to fund up to 30 hours outside the degree audit credits calculated as combined TOTAL of remedial/development and pre-requisites. Must update policies & programming first.
 - Student loans - Obama introduced the Student Bill of Rights (see PPT)
 - Cohort Default Rate
 - SF = 18.9% this is down from 22.7%
 - Nationally, Community colleges have a higher default rate than SF
 - FAFSA Simplification
 - Department of Education is working to simplify the FAFSA by reducing the amount of questions on application
 - Prior to Prior Year (PPY)
 - FAFSA applicants are able to use prior year taxes to estimate income if current year taxes have not been filed
 - 150% loan limits – if students max out on sub loans, reaching the 150% mark without graduating, all remaining sub loans will convert to un-sub

- This is happening because students are changing their programs too often. Example would be if student was going for a longer program then changed to a shorter program
- Loss of Financial Aid
 - There have been significant changes to the appeal forms for the 2015-2016 academic year. Some forms need an academic advisor's signature.
- 11:46 AM **AA Advisement Updates**
 - Speaker: Mary Thames, Academic Advising
 - AA degree audit changes
 - Program year / catalog is very important to know a student's requirements
 - Huge changes on the horizon for new incoming students, remitting students, and transfer students. Adding more writing intensive classes to degree audit
 - Students already in AA degrees will be grandfathered in and not be affected
- 12:07 PM Meeting adjourned, prizes and lunch provided

