



UAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2013

10:30 – 11:00

Rudder

Attendees: John Louis Bolch (*President*), Donna Witt (*President Elect*), Kelly Essler (*VP programs*), Bonnie Bustos-Rios (*VP communications*), Amanda Mather (*Immediate Past President*), Ashlea Schroeder (*Historian*), Katie Marek (*Parliamentarian*), Joel McGee (ASC), Sarah Lopez (Disability Services), Trevor Nieveen (LBAR), Orië Varner (Study Abroad), Ann Pool (CARC), Dave Kincaid (BIMS), Gerald Smith (VRSC), Kenneth Allison (ROTC), Brittney Hammond (MAYS), Kelley Hartnett (BAEN), Justin Schilke (Registrar), Sophia Polk (Blinn), Nick Kilmer (SFA)

- I. **Welcome** – Meeting called to order at 10:35 by John Louis Bolch
- II. **Minutes Approval** – December minutes tabled until roster can be found.
- III. **Officer and Committee Reports** –
 - a. *President – John Louis Bolch*: No report
 - b. *President Elect – Donna Witt*: NSC report: Transfers have increased by 25%, and freshman applications have increased as well. NSC attendees are now being charged a \$25 fee per adult family member and \$10 for each guest under 18 years of age. The funds generated are going toward the Family dinner, materials, maps, tote bags etc. Also new this year is that transfer conference meetings will begin at 2:00 and registration will begin at 10:15 to 5:00.
 - c. *VP Programs – Kelly Essler*: Symposium is coming up on March 21st. Registration is now available and presenters are lined up. The next monthly meeting is February 21st at Student Assistant Services.
 - d. *VP Communications – Bonnie Bustos-Rios*: The website is being updated presently as is the membership list. Both should be up-to-date by our next meeting.
 - e. *Secretary – Amanda Holmes*: Updating membership list for the website.
 - f. *Treasurer – Jennifer Allen*: No report
 - g. *Immediate Past President – Amanda Mather*: Degree planner is scheduled to roll out this year at some point. They are working with AOC to develop a final timeline. 100 students piloted it, 40 students reported back and they had positive feedback.
- IV. **Old Business**: None
- V. **New Business**:
 - a. Brittney Hammond is taking Charlie Donaway's place as the representative for Mays Business School.

- b. Col. Smith – now the new director of Veteran’s Resources Support Center in Koldus. Partnered with Student Veteran Services. Lots of new programs for veterans and their families. The Aggie Veteran Network – building a network of military friendly people around campus for referral purposes. Hoping for large academic advisor representation. March 7th, Advisor Orientation in Rudder 601. This training will help us learn to serve this population of student and will qualify us to be a point of contact for our area of expertise. Aggie Vet Mentors: program where mentors are matched up with a particular student. You do not need to be a vet to participate in the mentors program to be paired up with a student. Aggie Vet Network is going to incorporate the entire BCS community.
- c. John Louis – AT Mentors, GLBTA Mentor’s program and Aggie Veteran Network are separate now. If you would like to mentor either the Veteran community or the GLBT community, you may contact Emily in the AT Mentor office.
- d. Katie Marek – Debbie Perez is now a half-time graduate advisor in the Department of Horticulture.

VI. College Announcements -

- a. College of Ed – Position for AAll open.
- b. Bio and Ag engineering – will have a part-time opening for high-impact practices advisor. Should be posted on greatjobs.tamu.edu soon.
- c. ALED – Jonathan Howell is no longer in ALED so a position will be opening soon.
- d. Study Abroad – Study Abroad office is hosting a National Passport Day on Saturday March 9th. Opportunity to renew or apply for a passport. They are also doing a return study abroad conference in the fall.
- e. Scholarships and Financial Aid – Continuing Student Scholarship applications are under review. Pat Tillman Scholarship is open until the 15th of February and they are offering information sessions at least once per week. FASFA needs to go in now. You do need to have your 2012 tax return complete. Also, Student Financial Aid is no longer accepting documents via email. Tax returns, SS #'s etc. must be turned in to the office in person, via fax or mail.
- f. Blinn- Sophia Polk is the new director of advising at Blinn. Preparing for TEAM advising beginning in April. If colleges would like to come to set up an information table during that time, Blinn will welcome them. First TEAM advising day is April 5, the rest of the dates will come out on Bull soon.
- g. Associate Provost’s Office – The Awards Committee has 3 new awards this year. Professional development group committee has been formed to help develop plans to offer more opportunities to advisors for professional development. They are also taking another look at the AA career ladder to see what advancement opportunities there are once a person reaches SAll. Please contact Mary Broussard to participate in any of these committees.
- h. TEXAAN – Will not be held this year in lieu of region 7 conference in San Antonio.
- i. Student Success Center – the Intrusive Advising Webinar has received positive feedback and will be made available to those of us who were unable to attend. Handouts will be forthcoming. Please let Dr. Kracht know if there are any webinars that you see which

you are interested in participating in. If he sees an interest he will be glad to purchase them for us. Also, the Student Success Center is on twitter! @successtamu.edu!

Meeting adjourned by John Louis Bolch at 11:19.