



UAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2012

10:30 – 11:00

Rudder 501

Attendees: John Louis Bolch (*President*), Donna Witt (*President Elect*), Amanda Holmes (*Secretary*), Jennifer Allen (*Treasurer*), Ashlea Schroeder (*Historian*), Joel McGee (ASC), Ann Pool (CARC), Emily Doucet (COMM), Brent Willford (SFAID), Shedrick Johnson (ATH), Sarah Lopez (DS), Trevor Nieveen (CLLA), Jackie Perez (ENGR), Jeana Goodson (ISEN), Kelley Hartnett (BAEN), Sophia Polk (Blinn), Maria Pate (BMEN)

- I. **Welcome** – Meeting called to order at 10:35 by John Louis Bolch
- II. **Minutes Approval** – approved
- III. **Officer and Committee Reports** –
 - a. *President – John Louis Bolch*: university dismissal policy has passed and is on the president's desk for approval. If approved it will be effective in the spring of 2013. Defining progress toward degree is still very much up for discussion. AOC seems pretty divided on the issue with some people supporting 24 completed hours per year and some insisting on 30 completed hours. Discussion by the UAC executive board brought up many questions. Karl Moony reminded the board that students cannot stay in GEST past 45 hours. Coming in to GEST with large amounts of dual credit or AP restricts even freshman from getting into GEST. In order to be allowed into GEST and to stay in GEST the student must declare a degree to follow and must make progress toward that degree. John Louis said that there are still several hurdles to overcome in getting something approved.
 - b. *President Elect – Donna Witt*: nothing to report.
 - c. *VP Programs – Kelly Essler*: Kelly was not in attendance but reported that the Holiday Social will be December 6th at Ozona. Symposium is scheduled for March 21st.
 - d. *VP Communications – Bonnie Bustos-Rios*: facebook group is up and running. New initiatives to create advising training online are in the works. The Communications committee is working on the project which will include interactive content and video. Interviews for the ASC Student Specialists are going well.
 - e. *Secretary – Amanda Holmes*: No report
 - f. *Treasurer – Jennifer Allen*: Gave overview of account balances.
 - g. *Immediate Past President*: EIS steering committee is still working on the degree planner. If you have questions please contact Susan Leonberger at susanl@exchange.tamu.edu. Degree planner should go live at some point in the fall of '13.
- IV. **Old Business** – ABD went well as did NACADA.

V. **New Business -**

- a. Jennifer Allen made a motion to approve Katie Marek as the parliamentarian. Ashlea Schroeder seconded the motion and it was approved.

VI. **Announcements –**

- a. College/Department Announcements
 - i. **Blinn:** Sophia Polk has been appointed as the new Director of Advising at Blinn. Welcome Sophia!
 - ii. **Scholarships and Financial Aid:** Applications for continuing students are open until February 1. The application for summer international students is currently open. The apply Texas application for incoming students closes on December 1st. They will check academic progress at the end of the semester. Veterans benefits begin as they register for classes and they can turn in their paperwork. Veterans celebration is Monday at General Weber's house, military walk from 10:00 – 2:00.
 - iii. **Academic Success Center:** Workshops are open. Just to clear up some confusion, Joel reminded us that STLC 101 and 102 are still going to be offered with limited seating for the spring. YMCA rededication is tomorrow at 3:00, with the ASC grand opening on November 30th at 4:00.
 - iv. **General Academic Programs:** When students are changing curriculum into GEST, they now must designate a major. They are being denied if their desired major is not within their reach. GEST advisors are placing holds on students who cannot come in to GEST to alert departmental/college advisors that GEST is not an option. Students still need to meet with a GEST advisor who will direct them to the website to complete the online form which goes directly to Karl. Students below a 2.0 are being advised to seek another major or another institution.

Meeting adjourned by John Louis Bolch at 11:08.