



UAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2012
10:00 – 12:00
Rudder 501

Attendees: John Louis Bolch (*President*), Amanda Mather (*Immediate Past President*), Donna Witt (*President Elect*), Kelly Essler (*VP Programs*), Bonnie Bustos-Rios (*VP Communications*), Amanda Holmes (*Secretary*), Jennifer Allen (*Treasurer*), Joel McGee (*ASC*), Ann Pool (*CARC*), Emily Doucet (*COMM*), Nick Kilmer (*SFAID*), Shedrick Johnson (*ATH*), Sarah Lopez (*DS*), Bethany Smith (*SCS*), Dave Kincaid (*BIMS*), Megan Teel (*SCSC*), Roxanna Russell (*GEOS*), Andy Armstrong (*CLLA*), Trevor Nieveen (*CLLA*), Laura Heard (*REGI*), Jackie Perez (*ENGR*), Jeana Goodson (*ISEN*)

- I. **Welcome** – Meeting called to order at 10:08 by John Louis Bolch
- II. **Minutes Approval** - No May Minutes to approve
- III. **Officer and Committee Reports** –
 - a. *President – John Louis Bolch*: No report
 - b. *President Elect – Donna Witt*: NSC committee will meet next week. Due to the expected increase in transfer student admissions, there will be a 4th transfer conference added to the 2013 schedule. We are anticipating a date of August 1st-2nd, the approved schedule will be sent via UAC Bull next week.
 - c. *VP Programs – Kelly Essler*: ABD will be September 20th. We are also looking for someone to volunteer as chair for symposium. If you would like to nominate someone for the job, contact Kelly.
 - d. *VP Communications – Bonnie Bustos-Rios*: Facebook page is still in the works. There was some discussion on whether or not to do a UAC group or fanpage. A group page was decided upon and will be rolled out soon. Also more discussion on Twitter, its function and ways that #TAMUAC could become active in the twittersphere. There is definitely a need for us to develop a social media policy. Bonnie Bustos-Rios, Amanda Mather and Megan Teel volunteered to get started on that.
 - e. *Secretary – Amanda Holmes*: No report
 - f. *Treasurer – Jennifer Allen*: No report
 - g. *Immediate Past President*: The undergraduate degree planner will be demoed at ABD. To preview what has already been developed, email Laura Heard to request access to the current version. They are meeting weekly to fix bugs and discuss feedback. Please provide feedback if you would like to see anything changed.
- IV. **Old Business** - UAC Retreat was successful. John Louis thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.
- V. **New Business** -
 - a. Karl Mooney: Changing majors into GEST: *Rescheduled*

- b. October UAC meeting time has changed. We will meet from 11:00 – 12:00 to encourage all advisors to attend Dr. George Kuh’s “High Impact Practices” talk. Details will be forthcoming on UAC Bull.
- c. Some discussion from John Louis about TAMU’s high impact learning assessment and reporting. Several ideas are under discussion, one of which will begin with FYS. Freshmen will be asked to write a reflective piece at the end of their first semester and then again during their graduating semester. There is also quite a bit of discussion about adding a High Impact attribute in Compass, similar to the UICD, UVPA etc. High impact courses/experiences will likely become graduation requirements in the future.

VI. **Announcements –**

- a. Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items
 - i. Monthly Meetings:
 1. September – ABD September 20; Rudder 601; 8:00 – 4:00
 2. October - NACADA Recap, TBD
 3. November – Emerging Leaders, TBD
 4. December – Holiday Social, TBD Kelly is looking for someone to coordinate the social.
- b. College/Department Announcements
 - i. **Scholarships and Financial Aid:** Nick Kilmer has moved to Veterans Services. They have approved the same number of VA benefits as they did last year at this time although they are expecting a significant increase soon. They are expecting to certify around 2300 students. The new TAMU admissions application asks for more details regarding applicants’ veteran status. So we should have some solid data on how many are actual veterans, how many are active duty and how many are dependants. The VA requires a degree plan from each student; a printed degree evaluation will suffice. 104R forms are still required for students who are commissioning. *From this semester forward, DD214s will not be processed without a completed Military Service Credit Request form accompanying it.* Also, the Troops to College committee has been formed and their contact information is now posted on the Veterans Services website. Boots to Backpacks social was a success and we welcomed the new veterans to Texas A&M. Advisors should try to promote this social event to all incoming veteran students. Nick’s office will send a flyer next year.
 - ii. **Athletics:** Many new changes in Athletics, nothing really that impacts UAC. Gig’em and BTHO Florida.
 - iii. **Engineering:** CVEN has a Senior AAI position open which has posted this week.
 - iv. **Student Counseling Services:** We will be sending an updated brochure to UAC Bull this week. The PASS program has been restructured in the hopes that students will become more invested in their success. The new Pass Plus program will not have deadlines, and will not come with an automatic completion certificate. The student will still be able to provide proof of completion of various components of the program to their advisor if needed.
 - v. **Academic Success Center:** Joel McGee new director of the Academic Success Center. The Student Learning Center has been relocated to the ASC. They will be hiring 6 positions for Scholastic Performance Specialists over the next few weeks to prepare for their unofficial opening in October. They expect to be fully functioning by January 2013. Academic departments are encouraged to keep

their current probation programs in place as long as they are working well. With questions or concerns please contact Joel McGee at jmcgee@tamu.edu.

- vi. **Geoscience:** New advisor. Welcome Suzanne Rosser in the Department of Geology and Geophysics
- vii. **Science:** New advisor. Welcome Meredith Permenter (?) to Biomedical Science.
- viii. **The office of the Registrar:** Matt Johnson has taken Kimberly Berry's place in state policy and athletic certification. Other personnel changes will be announced via UAC Bull soon.
- ix. ix. A note about FYGE: Requests for FYGE must be submitted by August 23rd, 2013. Any requests submitted after that date will be denied.

Meeting adjourned by John Louis Bolch at 11:18.