



ACADEMIC ADVISING COUNCIL AGENDA
Thursday, November 21, 2019
3:00 PM – 4:45 PM
BOCA: NU202; DAVIE: LA150; JUPITER: SR275

New Business

- A. Provost Office – updates from the September activity with Jenny Bloom
 - a. Degree mapping and developing a process to notify when a student registers for an incorrect course – advisors are not currently notified, but students get an alert when they register for an unnecessary course. Per advisors - If we are alerted we can proactively reach out to the student as needed. Per Provost - Some technical tools are in the works, reports that can be run, etc. We will hear updates in the near future.
 - b. Requirement for students to participate in faculty or peer mentorship program in first semester/year. The goal is to engage faculty early on with these students. This can be tied into Soar in 4 program that includes social and faculty engagement. Advisors - we need a source of referral for students in order to get them involved/develop a mentorship.
 - c. Increase IFP/WAC options, provide more options to double count credits towards major – offering courses on Davie campus was the reason behind this option. Per the Provost, FAU is not allowed to offer LD courses in Davie per State rules; however, students can take online options instead and these offerings are increasing – the goal is to have 40% online instruction options by 2025. They are aware that it is easier to succeed in class versus online but this opens more options for Davie campus students. The Davie campus website clarifies true majors/offering for transfer students.
 - d. High school mentorship program – most risky and least feasible idea for now but perhaps clarification could be helpful if someone from this group wants to reach out to the SWAT team
 - e. FAU is 2nd lowest in state with FL residents taking 15 credits/semester. Only 12% are currently meeting this metric (was 8%). UF is at 30%. UF's rates are dropping.
 - f. SWAT teams have technical and data analysts, financial analysts, etc. so a problem is worked from multiple angles to determine if a solution is tangible. The University uses their data to make policy recommendations. They meet weekly. The 2013 cohort graduation rate was 19%, the graduation rate has increased since then to 37% and they are projecting in the 40% range for next year. SWAT uses these tools and reports to direct changes to continue to improve this rate. Advisors are welcome to attend a SWAT team meeting. Check with your office representative for more information if you have one or contact the Provost's Office to inquire.
- B. College Board – Gini Beran – non-profit educational organization.
 - a. They offer the CLEP and DANTES (for military) exams.
 - b. Exam score range is 20-80. ACE recommends college credit at a score of 50 or higher as this is equivalent to a C. For the Foreign Languages, a score of 50 earns 4-credits, a score of 59 or higher is needed at FAU to earn 8-credits.
 - c. There is a 90-day hold for retesting, if needed. This could be an issue for a student trying to graduate.

- d. Late 2019 New exam approval – Spanish with Writing (intermediate level Spanish – four semester credit equivalent). FAU does not currently have a policy for this exam. Policy updates may be in place for 2020-2021 academic year.
 - e. The Spanish exam is most popular to date with a 90% pass rate. The exam consists of multiple choice and aural (listening) questions for the standard exam.
 - f. CLEP exams cost \$89 (plus a \$33.50 transfer fee) compared to \$600+ for a 3-credit class at FAU.
 - g. Florida ranks #2 in volume of test takers, south Florida being the highest volume in the state.
 - h. 534 exams were taken by FAU students, 433 passed, 81% pass rate for FAU students. 57% of FAU test takers are college seniors.
 - i. At FAU there is no out of pocket expense for veterans to take CLEP if they use GI Bill benefits.
 - j. Modern States – FREE CLEP vouchers for students who complete a prep course (possible voucher for transfer fee as well). Fully online prep for all tests. The grant money has been continually funded due to need so please promote this (the information has been included on the FAU website CLEP test page as well). The vouchers are available to ANYONE.
 - k. Examiam.com/products/clep (\$14.99 for practice test access); www.clep.org – free exam materials. Free promotional pieces available from the CLEP website if you would like something for your office.
 - l. A monthly newsletter is available.
 - m. CLEP scores are held on file for 20 years, there is a \$20 fee to request a score report for older reports (especially due to mailing costs). FAU receives electronic scores so the scores are received within six days.
- C. University-Wide Updates - none
- D. Open Forum –
- a. calling for volunteers for the 2020 AAC Professional Development Day Planning Committee
 - i. Already volunteering - Diane Campbell, Dalel Baden and Kelly Roy

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None

Attachments

CLEP presentation PDF