

ACADEMIC ADVISING COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, October 13, 2016

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- A. Orientation Update
 - 1. Transfer Student Services Introduction
- C. University-Wide Updates-Dean Pratt

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New Business

- A. Supporting Foster Youth (Jasmine Briggs)
- B. Halloween Party-Social Committee
- C. Graduate School Workshops-Career Center

Attachments

None

Registrar updates?

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1. Asked the group if there were any questions about transfer orientations-no questions were raised. Still tweaking the morning session. Have taken off 1 hour from morning session so students will begin at 8am instead of 7am. Working on the logistics of later arrival with parking services.
 2. A meeting to debrief from 2016 freshman orientation will take place. For Spring 2017, we will be following same schedule.
 3. Transfer Student Services Introduction
 - i. Team is complete. Dani Iannelli-Transfer Coordinator represent the student affairs piece.
 - ii. Dana Zimmerman represents the Admissions piece.
 - iii. Christiana Carnot-Transfer Student Services Advisor-represents Academic Affairs piece.
 - iv. The Transfer Student Services Advisor will be reaching out to Undecided transfer students with goal of helping those students decide on a major before they attend orientation so that we can eliminate Undecided transfer students at Orientation. Also will be reaching out to major changers to complete that process prior to attending orientation to minimize walk-ins for the Colleges.
 - v. Dani Iannelli-trying to get Transfer Student Services name out to students. Planning events throughout the semester-transfer student appreciation week. Homecoming tailgate-all advisors are invited- invitation coming via email. Tau Sigma honor society for transfer students will be starting up again. A generic transfer email account has been established for general questions. Transfer Student Appreciation Week Activities handout distributed during meeting is attached.
 - vi. Transfer Student Services open house on Tuesday, November 1.
 - vii. Working with partner campuses as well to have transfer student services events at partner campuses.
- B. University-Wide Updates-Dean Pratt**

1. No updates

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Registrar-Brian Hodge-holds going on Monday 10/17 for Undecided and pre-majors who are reaching 60 credit hours. Joe asked if possible to get a list to college for pre-majors at least. Registrar's Office will work to see if that can be done. Will work on it.**
- B. Supporting Foster Youth-Jasmine Briggs**
1. Community Based Care of Central Florida-Introduction of Education Manager for youth through high school and post-secondary. Students encounter barriers to getting into school. FAU is part of Florida Youth, a state and national network supporting foster youth. There are liaisons for all state colleges and state universities. At FAU Jasmine Briggs (ACCESS Office) and Chris Boldon (Dean of Students office) are both liaisons.
 2. Have established key point people to help foster youth in several offices at FAU (Housing, Financial Aid, etc)

3. Former foster youth are defined as any child who has been removed from the custody of their parents/guardians by the court and placed in group or foster home. After age 18, they are classified as are former foster youth.
4. These individuals typically have a history of trauma and are not trusting of authority which is why they need additional support at the post-secondary level. They are less likely to succeed because of lack of awareness of services, lack of readiness, lack of stability and support in childhood.
5. 84% have indicated a desire to attend college. Only 10% enroll in postsecondary education. Less than 3% earn a bachelor's degree.
6. Florida has the 3rd highest foster care population. 6000 individuals reside in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties. 20,000 total individuals in Florida. Currently working with state college partners to provide support to these students.
7. FAU numbers are collected from the financial aid office and the controller's office. 115 verified former foster youth students at FAU. 95 students have been verified with DCF waivers, 20 students have been verified by homeless waiver through the Dean of Students office. The highest number of students are at Junior standing.
8. Current Support Initiatives Include:
 - i. Early identification system-working with financial aid and controller's office on identifying the DCF waivers being used.
 - ii. Create an intentional outreach and referral process for these students.
 1. In the past a list of former foster youth students has been emailed to each college advising director.
 2. Beyond food-initiative through Student Affairs-provides 3 days of emergency food to students who qualify. Connecting to outside off-campus resources.
 3. In January a professional clothes closet was established by the Career Center. Students must complete a resume critique and mock interview to qualify for free interview clothes. Career Services will take donations.
 - iii. Florida reach meetings-every 3 months. Monthly meetings with Dean of Students office, Financial Aid, Housing, the Controller's office, and UAS for early warning intervention.
9. Financial resources for former foster youth and homeless youth at FAU-DCF waiver-this is a statewide program. Florida has a strong program. Students can use it until they turn 28. The state of Florida recently removed the 120 credit hour provision meaning that it can use for any education until they turn 28 years old-Graduate School counts. Homeless tuition and fee waiver-through the Dean of Students office. There is a verification process. They will connect the student to community agencies and conduct regular meetings with these students. Florida is fairly progressive in this support system.
10. Best practices-FIU and Miami-Dade have established support programs for former foster youth.
11. One key to success is a point person for academic support/retention/graduation. Make connections to all campus resources available. Community partnerships are key as well. Important to be aware of community resources so they can assist where university cannot.
12. How can advisors help? Be aware of resources/people on campus, provide accurate information, provide an authentic relationship, open lines of communication, complete early warning interventions.
13. Jasmine has sent out foster youth manual to everyone. List of students sent to colleges in the past as well.

14. Reach out to Jasmine Briggs if student self-identifies as former foster youth.
15. If a student identifies as homeless or at risk of homeless, a conversation with Dean of Students office should be the first contact-Christopher Boldon. Connect to advisor after that to make academic resource connections.
16. Orientation waives orientation fee for homeless/foster youth. Waived guest fee for foster youth as well last year.
17. When having conversations with former foster youth students, allow students to identify themselves instead of putting them into that category.

C. Halloween Party-Social Committee

1. Office decoration contest will be held this year. A decision on the Halloween party has not been finalized yet. Send Andre Amirato an email at eamirato@fau.edu to submit your office for participation in office decorating contest. Each office should designate one person to submit their name to participate. The winner will be announced at the November meeting. Can be theme of Halloween or Homecoming-OWLympics.

D. Voting Bylaws committee

1. Working on revising AAC bylaws that pertain to voting for chair and vice-chair. Reach out to Angel Nevin at ANEVIN@fau.edu if interested in joining the committee. Hoping to finalize the proposals before end of Fall term so it will not be a long term commitment. Proposals for changes to the voting bylaws will be brought to the AAC for a vote.

E. Graduate School Workshops-Brian Montalvo-Career Center

1. Moved to more specialized career fairs instead of one large career fair.
2. Criminal Justice and Accounting career fairs
3. Grad school fairs next week-Handouts were sent to advisor listserve

F. Initial reactions to college connect

- i. Great turnout-162 students filled out information cards for College of Education.
- ii. College of Science-400 students attended. Location may have helped. In the future think about locations where freshman and sophomores are.
- iii. Faculty enjoyed interactions with students.
- iv. College of Business-had 55 students attend-not the turnout they expected. Faculty did enjoy student interactions. A lot of leftover pizza.

Attachments

Foster Youth Presentation

Transfer Student Appreciation Week Handout

SUPPORTING FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

JASMINE BRIGGS

ACADEMIC COACH/ACADEMIC ADVISOR & FOSTER YOUTH LIAISON

FORMER FOSTER YOUTH: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Who: A foster youth is defined as any child who has been removed from the custody of their parent(s) or guardian(s) by the juvenile court, and placed in a group home or foster home.

- Florida has the 3rd highest foster care population in the country over 20,000 children
- 2100 reside in Palm Beach County
- Over 6000 reside in Palm Beach, Broward, & Miami Dade counties

Why they need support as they age out and transition to higher education:

- Have usually experienced a history of trauma or neglect
- Are less likely to be able to manage their finances
- Do not have a stable or supportive network to help prepare them for academic success
- Do not have a stable or supportive parental/authority figure to guide and teach them independent living and life skills
- Are less likely to succeed in college than their peers due to lack of preparation, awareness of services, and support.

FORMER FOSTER YOUTH: WHY

Challenges in College

- They lack any type of preparation for postsecondary education.
- Lack of trust of authority figures and/or spaces.
- The student population is often unaware of the available support/resources on campus.
- The population often has a lack of financial resources.
- This population often lacks a support system.
- They often feel "college is not for people like me".

Challenges to Retention and Graduation

- 84% of foster youth express a desire to attend college.
- Only 10% enroll in postsecondary education compared to a 60% of the general population.
- Less than 1% of these students will go on to receive a bachelor's degree.

Statewide
Support:

Florida
Reach
Network

**FLORIDA
Reach**

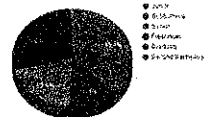
Florida Reach is a statewide college access network of individuals and organizations supporting the postsecondary success of foster youth and alumni.

Joe Murray, co-founder of Florida Reach

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY: FALL 2016 TERM

- 115 verified students for this term
- 95 verified DCF waivers (Department of Children & Families- former foster youth)
- 20 Homeless Waiver (Processed through the Dean of Students)

Classification



CURRENT SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Current Support Initiatives:

- Early Identification
 - FA, Controllers Office
- Intentional Outreach & Referral Process
 - Beyond Food, Career Center, CAPS, etc.
- Florida Reach Meetings
- Monthly Meetings
 - DOS, Financial Aid, Controller's Office, Housing, UAS

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT FAU FOR FORMER FOSTER & HOMELESS YOUTH



Department of Children & Families (DCF)
IDCF Waiver

Financial Aid & Freshman
(Processed by Financial Aid Office)
Financial Aid Office



- Verification through a CFC or IL agency
- Eligible for DCF waiver until the age of 28
- As of March 2016, the state removed the limitation of 120 credit hours; can be used for graduate education
- Verification through outside county agency
- Must meet with DOS and go through verification process
- Students submit verification every semester in order to qualify for the tuition & fee waiver

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Transfer Student Services invites you to participate in **TRANSFER STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK!**

Boca Raton campus

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Transfer Homecoming Tailgate

FAU Parking Lot
Noon – 2:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 3

Career Center Workshop:

LinkedIn 101

SU-222
11 a.m. – Noon

MONDAY, OCT. 31

Transfer Resource Day

Student Union & Breezeway Tables
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(There will be prizes!)

Transfer Student Social

Starbucks
4 – 6 p.m.

*(*Coupons provided!)*

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

Transfer Student Services Open House

SU-80, Room 214
All Day Open House!

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

Transfer Resource Info Session Transfer Center

SU-80, Room 214
10 – 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

Wake Up Wednesday with iCommute

Student Union Lobby
8:30 – 9 a.m.

Tau Sigma Info Session

SU-80, Room 214
11 a.m. – Noon

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



@TransferOWLtogether | Email: Transfer@fau.edu

If accommodation(s) for a disability is required, please contact Dani Iannelli at transfer@fau.edu and 561-297-4968 or TTY 1-800-955-8770, a minimum of five (5) working days in advance of the date of the event(s).

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Florida Atlantic University



To help students prepare for Graduate School, the FAU Career Center will be hosting the following presentations in the Nations Multipurpose Room (first floor of Department of Housing & Residential Life):

Graduate School 101 – How do I Know if Graduate School is Right for me?

Learn from a panel of experts if graduate school is the right next step for you and how to get there. Topics will include what to consider before applying, how to write a personal statement, and much more!

Wednesday, October 12 at 3 p.m.

Graduate School Affordability – How can I Afford Graduate School?

Don't break the bank! In this workshop, prospective graduate students will learn about their options to finance their education. A variety of alternative funding options and budget recommendations will be shared.

Thursday, October 13 at 3 p.m.

An Insider's Perspective – How do I Make the Most of my Graduate School Experience?

What comes next after being admitted to Graduate School? A group of panelists will share their stories regarding how they navigated their graduate programs to thrive in school and in their careers.

Tuesday, October 18 at 3 p.m.

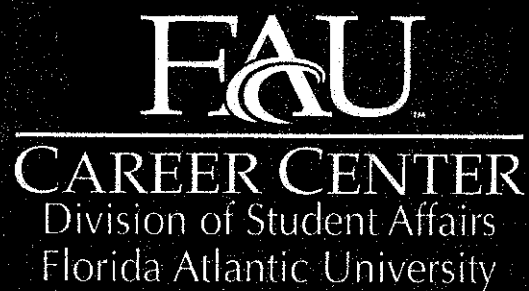
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Reasonable accommodations should be requested of the event sponsor, Career Center, at 561.297.3533 or recruit@fau.edu at least five (5) business days in advance of the event.

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The Road to Law School

How do I Navigate the Law School Admissions Process?

Wednesday, October 19 at 5 p.m.

Nations Multipurpose Room (first floor of Department of Housing & Residential Life):

Interested in applying to law school? The FAU Career Center is hosting a panel of law school admissions counselors and legal professionals to help students navigate getting into law school.

Students will learn about various topics such as the steps to applying for law school, how to prepare for the LSAT, what to focus on when researching law schools, various law fields, and much more!

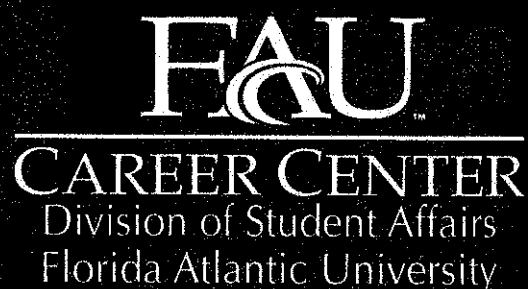
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GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR

BOCA RATON CAMPUS

Breezeway

October 20, 2016

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

DAVIE CAMPUS

SD 105

October 20, 2016

4 - 7 p.m.



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