

Minutes
Council of Assistant and Associate Deans (CAAD)
December 10, 2014

Attendance: Lisa Lindquist-Dorr, Luoheng Han, David Heggem, Diane Johnson, George Daniels, Liza Wilson, Kathy Wetzell, Gregory Singleton, Ken Fridley, Andrew Goodliffe, Vicki Peeples, Melondie Carter, Rebekah Welch, Mary Bess Paluzzi, Thomas C. Wilson, LTC Ken Kemmerly, Lesia Coleman-Linzy, Stacy Jones, Ivon Foster McGowan, Michael George, Holly Hallmann, Mary Ellen Hanna, Brenda Hunter, Teresa Wise, Kevin Whitaker, Ginger Bishop

Dr. Kevin Whitaker welcomed the council and asked for the minutes from the last meeting to be approved. Minutes were approved by the council. Dr. Whitaker gave the council an update on the SACS review. He stated an offsite team has reviewed our 617 page report that was submitted. He introduced Ginger Bishop, who has been working with the SACS review. She stated there are 12 areas that UA is not compliant with. The average for one school is 18 areas. Ginger Bishop stated a comparable school had 29 issues that were not compliant. Dr. Whitaker stated these areas range from institutional effectiveness, law school items, etc. UA has until January 15, 2015 to respond to the report. An onsite team will come to our campus on March 3-5, 2015 to review in person.

Dr. Kevin Whitaker then introduced Bette Worley, Executive Director for National Student Exchange. She introduced the National Student Exchange and stated UA is a founding member. The NSE is an opportunity for students to study abroad and do something different in exploring our country. They support opportunities for more than 10,000 students. NSE offers tuition payment plans with resident and non-resident fees. Bette stated 55% of their students will be traveling all year and 60 % travel as junior status. NSE has a minimum GPA of 2.5 and students should be in good standing. The program approaches students who do not get an opportunity to travel often. UA has 14 students on our campus from NSE as of Fall 2014, 6 students traveling out and 5 of the 14 campus students will be transferring to UA.

Dr. Kevin Whitaker then introduced Lee Keyes, Executive Director of UA Counseling Center. Lee stated UA is an accredited counseling center, with only 2 in the state of Alabama. The center provides counseling for 15 sessions per academic year, day and night crisis intervention through UAPD, and outreach programming on depression and anxiety. The center also provides Question, Persuade and Refer Program (QPR) for mental health and suicide issues. He shared some statistics for the council. This semester the center has had a 9.2% increase in sessions, 34% increase in crisis contacts due to more out of state students, 25% increase in consultations, and 23% increase in promotional areas. Lee stated stress and adjustment is the number 1 problem students deal with.

Dr. Whitaker then introduced Jon Dever and Jonathan Bowling from Intercollegiate Athletics to discuss academic fraud allegations at the University of North Carolina. Jonathan stated the incident at UNC has actively breaking rules. He explained if a student athlete is plagiarizing, that is considered a UA issue for the institution to discipline the student. If a tutor writes a paper of a student athlete, that instance would be considered an NCAA issue. He stressed we should treat student athletes the same as all other students. He shared the unanimous top line to report

instances through rolltide.com. Jonathan shared two mottos that UA is promoting to prevent academic fraud. “Ask before you Act” and “See Something, Say Something.” UA is actively interviewing tutors with questions about academic fraud. Jon Dever spoke about a report that was ran with the registrar’s office to review majors and classes for UA athletes to prevent academic fraud on our campus.

Dr. Whitaker asked to hear from each task force group and their progress on issues. He then asked for new business to be discussed. There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by Dr. Whitaker.