

GTAAN Kickoff Meeting Minutes for Friday, August 14th, 2009

Exec Board Present: Stephanie Jackson, Amy D'Unger, Vince Pedicino, Shannon Sullivan, & JC Reilly

Stephanie Jackson introduced the new the Exec Board; Amy D'Unger explained RSS Feeds; JC Reilly announced the new Buzzcard attendance program for GTAAN meetings.

Kathy Earwood made a NACADA Region IV report: she reminded GTAAN members to vote in the Region IV election and that the National Conference would be held in San Antonio. She also made a call for volunteers to help on the NACADA Region IV Conference to be held at Georgia Tech in March, 2010.

Vince Pedicino explained that GTAAN surveys would now be held online to save the environment and allow for results to be immediately available at the current meeting (no one-month delay).

Colly Mitchell described the Petit Scholars program, urging Advisors to promote the program but remind them to tell students it is a 3-semester (calendar year) commitment.

Stephen Girardo discussed Success Programs and FASET, asking Advisors to join the Freshman Convocation and encourage students to attend Welcome Home activities. He also reviewed survey results from GT 1000 students regarding the effectiveness of GT 1000 learning outcomes. He reminded Advisors that Warren St. John (author of Outcasts United) would be speaking on campus at 3 p.m. on Sept. 24th.

Eric Moschella discussed tutoring and academic support for students in Success Programs, including an incentive for students: any student attending the Open House would receive unlimited free tutoring in September. He mentioned that tutoring begins on August 29th, and that each student gets one free tutoring session per week, with additional sessions costing \$15.

Stephen Girardo presented Dean Stein's Power Point on the statistics of the incoming Freshman class, and emphasized that quality studying is essential for student success: students must realize they have to study much more, and with fewer distractions, than they did in high school. He also pointed out that student engagement is critical to college success.

Prepared by JC Reilly