

GTAAN Kickoff Meeting Notes 8.26.15

- ❖ **Welcome & Introduction of New Executive Members**, Tim Brown
 - Wes Kirkbride (President)
 - Stacey Gangloff (VP of Assessment)
 - Calla Talman (VP of Communications)
 - Christen Steele (VP of Records)
 - Brandon Pottebaum (VP of Programs)

- ❖ **Explanation of Overlapping Terms**, Tim Brown
 - An explanation of how the Executive Board works
 - New – Old Executive Board will help with transition through remaining 2015 and new Board will start officially January 2016
 - Seeking & Encouraging more GTAAN participation

- ❖ **General Announcements**, Tim Brown & Shannon Dobranski
 - GTAAN Meeting dates and locations posted in PowerPoint (to be posted on the GTAAN website)
 - Applications still accepted for the Undergraduate Academic Advising Manager. Will start looking at applications soon, so apply if you are interested
 - GradesFirst – Everything is uploaded except units with designated advisors; please send spreadsheets to T-square ASAP; Direct questions and concerns about it to Shannon
 - Have a new unit on campus to help students wanting to go to professional/graduate school: Pre- and Professional Advising; Susan Belmonte; All located in C2D2
 - Recognition of new members in GTAAN ; ChBE new advisor
 - Review of flyers (also in PowerPoint): Flyer regarding initiatives to help students in need (Klemis Kitchen, Campus Closet, Emergency Money) discussed by Dana Hartley, the primary contact; Majors Fair flyer; International Connections flyer introduced as a discussion group for **new** Int'l Students by OIE; Nuclear Security –applications open through October

- ❖ **Getting Pumped Up for the New Academic Year**, Joe Hamilton
 - Special thank you to the advisors at GT, especially “for your passion for helping out without seeking anything in return. That’s big and I want to congratulate everyone.”
 - “We’re all one family. I encourage you all if you can make a game, be a part of it and come out. The team went 11-3 last year, that’s

not just the football team. That's all of us! Everyone plays a role- the band, cheerleaders, faculty, staff, and fans."

- If you want tickets for the great home games this year, simply ask as we are a family. Joe said to ask Tim, Tim referred to Brandon Pottebaum instead

❖ **Update from GT Admissions**, Chad Bryant, Transfer Admissions

- What's new:
 - i. New website - "Creating the Next" theme; talks a little more about individual colleges at Tech & the city of Atlanta; website should be easier for students to find individual academic departments
 - ii. If you're not part of the campus partners meeting and want to be contact me (chad.bryant@admissions.gatech.edu) or if you want to be added to the Admissions presentation let us know
 - iii. State-wide circuit for counselors to discuss incoming class, requirements for the year ahead; promotions like Serve.Learn.Sustain and Klemis Kitchen
 - iv. Current numbers at Tech - 14558 undergrads; 6913 grad/prof; 96% retention rate puts us in the top 1% in the country, so thank you for that as it's a sense of affirmation that we're admitting the right students
- Enrolled Class (Spring, Summer, & Fall), as presented at Campus Partners Meeting
 - i. Check website for most information on applications and admissions; Love to meet with departments to discuss credit hours and get a sense of issues
 - http://admission.gatech.edu/images/pdf/2015_freshman_profile_web.pdf
 - http://admission.gatech.edu/images/pdf/Transfer_Profile_2015_2.pdf
 - ii. Seeing students completing Associates degrees and then transferring; or HS students completing Associates degrees while simultaneously completing high school
 - iii. Seeing more credit by examination for transfer students
 - iv. Transfer admissions application Spring 2016 & moving forward, application will begin asking more short-answer statements to paint that picture on passion and non-academic factors for review.

- v. Working on improving diversity across the board (transfer and freshmen)
- vi. Largely RETP (Regional Engineering Transfer Program) USG initiative; Legacy partnerships (conditional category)
- vii. Making changes with deadlines and decisions; One new deadline, credit evaluation, added which we hope is to be helpful to colleges and Registrar, intended to put ownership back on students to do it early. Freshmen – 94% have taken AP calculus or equivalent; SAT 2060-2250; GPA “A” average
- viii. Demographics – historic and record highs in both applications and admissions
- ix. More attention to details about Atlanta and dispel myths and perceptions about the South
- x. Move on When Ready initiative – Laura Simmons has had training and is the best to speak to the new all-encompassing umbrella of dual enrollment & early high school/college programs as this has been modified
- xi. Personal programs and webinars for outreach in other countries – Sarah Riggs (f/ Wofford); last year an admissions date in Turkey.
- xii. Admissions will be headed to Seattle in the Spring to meet with the schools seeing high recruitment Chad Bryan (Transfer Admissions)

❖ **Miscellaneous**

- Closing comments & reminder for sign-in sheet to be added to email lists
- Student Affairs will be our guest next month! Save the date – Wednesday, September 16th 11:30 – 1:00 pm