

GTAAN Meeting Notes, “GoogleDoc Jam Session & Registrar Updates”

Student Center Peachtree Rm. • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • October 19, 2016

❖ **Welcome & Introductions**, Wes Kirkbride, GTAAN President

- Introduction of 1st time GTAAN attendees
- Overview of GTAAN Exec Board; contact information available on website
- Dates for the academic year posted

❖ **Announcements**, Francisco Castelan & Shannon Dobranski & Leadership

- Francisco Castelan – Admission to medical school requires that students include freshman forgiveness grades before & after repeating.
- Majors Fair – Worksheet available with floor plan and FAQ's. See attached worksheet.
- Graduate opportunities fair – students need to pre-register for the event. See attached flyer. Great way to learn more about grad programs and decision making process.
- New Advising Manager is here on campus – Welcome [back] to Beth Spencer.
- Leadership – referral to the semester long program; deadline is October 26th
- Troy Whyte – GradesFirst removal of the ID minor as Troy will have information sessions instead of appointments.

❖ **Denning T&M Updates**, Shawn Dommer, Academic Advisor

- Technology & Management Office
 - i. Minor is now open to all majors – creation of a third minor named Technology & Business minor.
 - ii. Courses – Intro to finance, accounting, & marketing; plus traditional technology enterprises
 - iii. Remember that this is an application process so they must apply in the Fall. Visit website to apply and the application is open until October 30th for the new cohort.

- iv. Need at least 30 credits and a 3.0 GPA to be considered. In addition, they need to have really good interview skills for the program as they will complete a capstone with companies during their final semester.

❖ **Retention & Graduation Initiatives**, Debbie Pearson, Retention and Graduation Manager

- Lumina Foundation is a 1.2 B endowment to increase the number of Americans with higher education credentials. Goal by 2025 that 60% of Americans will hold a degree of some sort. To that end, Complete College America & Complete College Georgia have been working to achieve this goal.
- As of Fall 2015, Historic high 97% 1st to 2nd year retention & % six-year; Transfer rate record highs
- As of Fall 2016, 97% 1st to 2nd year retention rate & 86% six-year graduation rate both record highs again.
- Shift in perspective – from pushing students out to providing tools for success; admissions recruiting has also adapted with helping identify top talent and those able to contribute while at GT
- Last year non-STEM majors achieved a historic high 6 yr. rate of 87% compared to 84% for STEM majors and 6 yr. rate for Women 89% vs. 82% for men
- Complete College GA goals & strategies – provide intentional advising to keep students on track to graduate through MTU's as an early alert system for 1000-2000 level courses
- Key successes
 - Achieved record high retention & graduation rates
 - Grad rates for study abroad students – 98%; coops- 96%; interns 97%, and UROP participants – 94%
 - GT 2100 success rates (54% vs. baseline of 14%)
 - CAS served nearly 7000 unique students for over 23000 contact hours
 - 132 participated in Reboot
 - 459 took advantage of Academic Coaching
 - SOUP grew from 12 courses in 2013 to 21 courses in 2016; enrollment from 112 to 563
- Challenges & Ways to Help in Advising
 - Some students are not registering their internships, but not only does it help with keeping accurate retention records, it could also help students with financial aid and monies earned being reported on FASFA
 - Consider communicating with advisees the To Drop or Not Drop workshop coming up hosted by CAS

❖ **Registrar – Phase I registration**

- Dates – Schedule of Classes live tomorrow (Oct 20th) at 9 am; Last time ticket should be November 4th pending approval from Phase I October 31st – November 18th
- Added student veterans (defined as service members under GI benefits & service members whose financial aid from a particular branch) into the Priority registration group; Registration taskforce looked at the recommendation from the USG and took into account the numbers at Tech to come with this decision; only 170 students who took advantage of this.
- Extended registration period will be on the Taskforce agenda again to discuss including the Spring registration term, but will continue to do so for summer/fall registration. Will have to consider Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's holidays and winter break in this discussion, especially due to waitlist notifications.
- Looking at more communication tools in the Registrar office, including text capability.
- Banner upgrade changed the OSCAR display and removed the grade mode section and long title but the Registrar put in a ticket to fix it; can check '**SSASECT**' in Banner to see this information in the meantime. If the grade mode section is blank or empty, then it's eligible for grade mode. If the grade mode section has an "L", then the class is not grade mode eligible.
- Grade Mode & Grade Substitution forms will be accepted until Oct. 31st

❖ **Jam, ohhh Jam! GoogleDoc Jam Session**

- Departments in attendance announced their registration practice using the questions below. If you were not able to write down this information or present today, you can check the GoogleDoc for the comprehensive list here - .

For this meeting would like a representative from each department to answer the following questions, if possible:

- Is your department using waitlists?
- Does your department grant overloads for courses?
- If your courses have major restrictions, how will students from other departments know when/if major restrictions will be lifted? (Please also be sure to post for each specific course in Google Doc after meeting)
 - Posted on website?
 - Posted in Oscar?
 - Students email advisor?
 - Decision is made during phase 2, students should wait until then?
- Does your department offer walk-in advising hours during registration?
- What would you like other advisors to know regarding your department's registration policies?

❖ **Wrap-up**, Wes Kirkbride

- Kahoot Game – winner
- Survey Monkey will be sent for attendees to give GTAAN feedback – check email later today.
- Please sign in!
- Next meeting -