

GTAAN Meeting Notes, “2016-2017 Kickoff/Admissions”

Student Center Peachtree Rm. • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • August 31, 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**, Rita Pikowsky, Registrar; Shannon Dobranski, GTAAN

- Registrar Announcements
 - i. *39 hour rule from BOR* – upper division hours in the major & hours overall. DegreeWorks was programmed so we don't have to worry about it. Some programs will never have a problem (AE, EE, CMPE, ME, BSBA), but some programs will not have enough hours to meet the upper division requirement. Please don't panic, we're reviewing this and will look at programs & students 1-by-1.
 - ii. Comments in the Catalog & DegreeWorks – see email from Registrar about comments and changes to the catalog, including the BOR
- Best Practices Committee – coming up this summer and a call for volunteers will be sent out in next Tuesday's updates email.
- Professional Development Sub-Committee – email Christen Steele (csteele@cc.gatech.edu) if interested in joining.
- Appreciative Advising Discussion Group – casual discussion group meeting twice per semester, sign up on the [Google Doc](#).
- Intellectual Property Career Showcase Oct. 26th, see attached flyer for details

❖ **Admissions**, Rick Clark, Director of Undergraduate Admission

- Advice for people in higher education – walk around and talk to people and be present and communicate with them; Don't go into higher education if you have celiac disease (so much pizza at Tech events)
- On tours and speaking engagements, we're selling you and we deeply value you: If you are open to being challenged and stretched, then we have people at GT that are here to help you.

- When we talk about access to public research at our state, for our system in GA, we do a wonderful job.
- Sharing admissions numbers for the year:
 - i. Mid-size public institution – 15, 142 undergraduates & 9, 892 graduates
 - ii. Retention rate – 97%; in the top 25 of retention rate; sets us apart; and large in part to the work of academic advisors
 - iii. Majors – 35 majors in 6 colleges
 - iv. 1/5th of eligible undergraduates receive Pell Grant (avg. freshman GPA is 3.2)
- Campus Partners Program
 - i. Direction – stable undergraduate size (not looking to grow); 60/30/10 UG balance meaning we can strive to have 60% in-state students (not legislatively required for the intake, but the appropriate net and for diversity geographically); going to try to continue to diversify by curricular background, gender, ethnicity, & socio-economic status.
- 2016 Freshman class
 - i. Looking at 42% female and 58% male – will be definitive in October
 - ii. Students of Color – Asian (25%), 6.5 black, 8, Hispanic, other 7, and 2 or more 3.5
 - iii. 69 countries, 43 states, 89 GA counties, 1429 high schools represented
 - iv. SAT 1330 – 1490; ACT 30-34; AP/IB/DE 7-13
- Moved regular decision to January 1st from mid-January; SAT/ACT writing is optional but recommended
- New Pathway Programs
 - i. Regents Engineering Pathway Program (REPP)
 - 1. We've removed the GPA option so that we have more flexibility with admissions, so no automatic gateway to Tech
 - ii. Georgia Tech Arts & Sciences Pathway Program
 - 1. 2nd year admission to College of Design, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, & College of Science Degree Programs – many who applied in these programs were denied admission, but told to go elsewhere for 1 year and earn 3.3 GPA then reapply for admission

- Transfer profile
 - i. 2882 applications with 35% admission rate
 - ii. 3.6 overall GPA
 - iii. Avg. 68 credits earned
 - iv. 29% female & 71% male
 - v. 69 % residents & 31% non-resident
 - vi. 67% deposited in the CoE

❖ **Wrap-up**, Wes Kirkbride

- Kahoot Game
- Survey Monkey will be sent for attendees to give GTAAN feedback – check email later today.
- Please sign in!
- Next meeting (9/28) guests: Office of Disability Services & Pre-Law/Pre-Teaching Advising (Susan Belmonte)