

## **Regents Administrative Committee on Academic Advising (RACAD) Meeting March 19, 2018, Minutes**

Participants were welcomed by Dr. Jonathon Anderson – Provost at MGSU, followed by a welcome from RACAD President, Dr. Deborah Kittrell-Mikell, from East Georgia State College. Ms. Sharon Durhart, RACAD Secretary from Atlanta Metropolitan State College provide the minutes from the last meeting and Dr. Chris Hutt, RACAD Treasurer from Kennesaw State University was recognized. Attendees signed in.

Dr. Barbara Brown from the University System of Georgia (USG) provided a recap of Momentum Year and System Year Changes. She reiterated information about the importance of students beginning in the correct math class, which for non stem majors may be the equivalent of Math 1101 or Math 1001, not College Algebra – a pre requisite for Pre Calculus. Dr. Brown is transitioning to a new position, that of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Transitional & General Education.

Jonathan Hull and Heather Collins, USG Dynamic Duo, provided updates to the group on the Momentum Year Summit to be held this coming fall, more details will arrive regarding place and who should attend. They discussed the G2C initiatives, the Gateways to Completion program is an exciting initiative to help students enrolled in USG institutions achieve success early on in their academic career. “Developed with insight of a distinguished national Advisory Committee, the comprehensive G2C approach provides faculty with a structured, evidence-based course self-study process with unparalleled advice and support from the nation’s leader in higher education student success”. <http://www.completegeorgia.org/john-gardner-1>

More information on Learning Support with CoRequisite Remediation was discussed. College and Universities began work several years ago to meet the deadline of fall 2015 to ensure the majority of Learning Support students at the majority of USG institutions will be enrolled in corequisite remedial support courses while they are also enrolled in gateway college courses (ENGL 1101 or an Area A mathematics course).

Accuplacer and new SAT scores are available, this link will provide accuplacer for dual enrollment: [https://www.usg.edu/assets/student\\_affairs/documents/USG\\_DE\\_Admission\\_Requirements.pdf](https://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_DE_Admission_Requirements.pdf)

As a reminder, the last date to use the old Accuplacer is January 28, 2019. At that point, all institutions should be using the new exemption criteria.

New to the USG is a Learning Support Academy and an Advising Academy, institutions will receive more information on these and their activities.

Georgia State Executive Advising Director and Assistant Advising Director, Carol Cohen and Brad Blitz, provide information on “Academic Advising from the USG Practitioners in the Field”. Together they discussed the importance of helping students develop an academic mindset, using the focus areas with undeclared students and with students who are in high school and trying to declare a major – great idea for recruitment! Their presentation included the importance of encouraging students to think critically, be strategic, and use/improve their technology skills. Carol and Brad have moved their Advising Center to a model of Administrative Centralized Advising, creating tiers for advisors to be recognized for their skills and performance. They utilize Cluster Leaders and Peer Champions to motivate and affirm staff advisors. Carol and Brad recommended a UAB, University Advising Board that meets monthly to plan and partner with others at the University.

President Kittrell-Mikell led the group to vote on new RACAD leaders and encouraged institutions to update their RACAD representative and contact information. She engaged members in several questions to include ideas on Student Early Alerts, Centralized Advising vs. Decentralized Advising, what financial information is provided by advisors, and where everyone is on a mission, goal, and philosophy of advising. We thank you Dr. Kittrell-Mikell for your leadership this past year!

Meeting Adjourned and the next one will be in late fall 2018.