

Campus Advising Network Annual Report 2006-2007

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The CAN Steering Committee met in September, October and November for the fall semester and February, March and April for the spring semester from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. The members elected to change the location from the Lumpkin conference room to the University Food Court. Danny Harvey created an electronic meetings program for us similar to the one currently used by CAA. However, not every committee member was able to access it successfully for our February meeting. I will get Danny to investigate the problem in the fall after Banner is fully in place.

Many of our discussions revolved around Banner issues and faculty training. The committee voted to have Julie Sterling, an academic advisor, represent the advising community regarding advising issues for Banner. However, Banner's Student Processing Team was already formed; therefore, the Banner coordinator decided that it was not feasible for Julie to join the team.

CAN hosted several advising information sessions this year. This included the Counseling Center and three video conference series: "The Forgotten Student", "Cultivating Campus Cultures that Value Student Success" and "Shattering Barriers: Transforming the College Experience for Students of Color". The CAN committee appreciates and thanks Carl Lorber and Karen Whistler in Booth Library for the financial assistance that they gave us in order to obtain the three video conferences. The series are now a part of the library collection. CAN also hosted part one of a two part Webinar series: "Strengths-Based Advising: Going beyond Course Scheduling with Developmental Advising". Part two of the Webinar series, "Relating to Students through Advising", is scheduled for October 10, 2007. Dr. William Weber assisted CAN by increasing our budget from \$600 to \$1000. This enabled us to obtain the Webinar series.

Attendance at the sessions ranged between seventeen to twenty two individuals. The committee feels that this is low considering the large amount of faculty that advise students. Hence, our discussion turned to how to get more faculty to attend the training and information sessions. We all agreed that it is unfair to have presenters give up their

time for such low attendance, as well as the money that is invested in showing video conferences to bring in outside view points.

It was suggested that we start at the Dean's level. Advising needs are going to be different from department to department. Faculty in general, does not understand the advising or registration process or procedures. The professional advisors at 9th St Hall also recognized this situation. Therefore, CAN and the advisors are going to work together in the fall to facilitate more meaningful faculty training.

I addressed the Council of Deans and explained our plan for advisor training. It was agreed that I would send a copy of the completed schedule to the Deans and Directors. Dr. Weber, Associate VP for Academic Affairs and Dr. Pearson, Director of Faculty Development also requested a copy of the training schedule. Dr. Lord, Provost agreed to support us with a letter to the department chairs when everything was finally organized. Training will begin this fall.

Dr. Herrington-Perry formed a Catalog Committee, which included two members from CAN. The committee designed the Student Academic Handbook. This handbook has proved to be very helpful to the freshmen and their parents during summer orientation. While it is an abbreviated form of policies and regulations the format of the booklet makes important information easy to locate and understand.

The committee decided to review the CAN Bylaws for updates and changes. Chad Cross, Coordinator, EIU4 has volunteered to update the bylaws on our website and any other changes that are necessary. The bylaw changes that the committee agreed to has been updated on the CAN website. We will review them once again in 2007/2008. Chad has been attending our meetings to ensure that he understands the changes that we want. He kept track of the amount of hits our website received this spring. Our website had 113 hits with 73 visitors. This averaged to four hits and two visitors per day.

Rosie Myers-Bradley will be leaving the committee next year. Rosie has been an active committee member for three years. She has taken on additional duties in her department that prevent her from fully participating as a CAN member. Donna Dawson from Industrial Technology is her replacement. I will continue as Chairperson for another year, and Chris Mitchell will continue as Vice Chairperson, in addition to maintaining responsibilities for our Advisorgram. I will speak to student government early in the semester to ensure that we get a student representative for CAN.

Our tentative committee meetings* for fall 2007 will be the following Tuesdays from 12 to 1:30pm in the University Food Court: September 11, October 16 and November 13.

*Meeting dates were changed based on scheduling conflicts with other university events.

Respectfully submitted by:
Monica Zeigler, Chairperson, 2006/2007
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