Student Engagement and Success

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Report to Faculty: February 24, 2017

Advising: Dr. Cox and I have met to update the advisement list. This list has been shared with Division Chairs. Please make Dr. Cox or me aware of concerns you have regarding your advisement area. An advisement training session is on the horizon. Two sessions will be held; one at the end of spring semester 2017 and one prior to the beginning of fall semester 2017.

Prior to the advisement training sessions, we want to ensure ALL advisors have access to remove advisement holds in Self Service Carolina, and that advisors have access to Degree Works. In order to remove advisement holds and access degree works, all advisors must do a DAPS request. Advisors must submit two separate DAPS requests for SSC access and Degree Works access. To facilitate this process and ensure everyone obtains the proper signatures, we will be hosting a DAPS request lunch and learn prior to the next faculty meeting. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for noon on April 14, 2017.

Summer Advisement Center: The Office of Student Engagement and Success will be piloting a walk-in summer advisement center in Starr Hall 104. The advisement center will be open MWF 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and TR 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This walk-in center will be offered as a resource for students who may not be able to communicate with their advisors over the summer.

Foundational Courses: For advisement questions related to Carolina Core foundational courses, please refer to the following website:

http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/academicpriorities/undergradstudies/carolinacore/courses/foundational-courses.php

Student Affairs Committee:

Travel Study Proposals: Attached, in addition to my report, are faculty travel study proposals for the 2017-2018 academic term. These proposals are **due by March 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm**. Please email them to humphrlb@mailbox.sc.edu with the subject line: 2017-2018 travel study proposal. The student affairs committee will be meeting in late April/early May to select the winning travel study proposal. As a reminder, the travel study program needs to be associated with an academic course. You, as the professor of the course, will need to ensure proper approvals are received for offering the course and methods of off-site delivery. Typically, the student affairs committee approves a rotation of domestic and international trips. For 2017-2018, the committee is looking for a domestic trip, but this does not mean international trips will not be considered. Interested professors are encouraged to begin working on proposals as soon as possible, prior to the deadline. Elements of the proposal include: financial estimates, a

general program description, learning outcomes, a brief summary of the program leader, and the attachment of the course syllabus.

Elliot White Springs Prize: The mission of this contest, in honor of Colonel Elliot White Springs, is to support and encourage writers by offering annual a cash award of $100.00 to a currently enrolled USC Lancaster student. All prose genres are welcome. Student should submit manuscripts of no more than 5,000 words no later than March 3, 2017 to Laura Carnes (humphrlb@mailbox.sc.edu). Please be sure students make the subject line of the message "Elliot White Springs Prize for Creative Writing". More specific submission instructions may be found at USC Lancaster's libguides: http://usclancaster.libguides.com/ews.

USC Connect

Mother Friendly Campus Designation: Congratulations to nursing students Savannah Williams and Anna Parker for the renovation and upgrade of the USCL lactation room as part of their project for the Diversity and Social Advocacy pathway within Graduation with Leadership Distinction. Because of their efforts to support breastfeeding on campus and advocate and educate others about breastfeeding, USCL has been designated a mother friendly campus. The campus will be recognized at the annual awards luncheon by the South Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition

Nitro Lee Hike: The USCL Outdoors Club is sponsoring an open hike at the Nitro Lee Plan on March 24. The hike will be led by Dr. Barry Beasley of the Katawba Valley Land Trust. The hike will leave the USCL parking lot at 12:30. Please RSVP to Professor Allan Pangburn no later than March 17, 2017.

Discover USC Abstracts: Discovery Day has been renamed Discover USC. Most GLD students will attend Discover USC as part of their Graduation with Leadership Distinction Experience. Discover USC will be held on April 21, 2017 in Columbia. For those of you working with all student populations participating in Discover USC, please be aware abstracts are due Friday, March 3.

USC Connect Database: The USC Connect database lists beyond the classroom opportunities for all students. If you are hosting an event or lecture outside of the classroom, please email Brandon Newton (newtonbm@mailbox.sc.edu) so that he may enter it into the database. Students may then search for opportunities. The link the database may be found at: https://sc.edu/about/initiatives/usc_connect/choose_experiences/search-the-database.php

UNIV 101: If you have a Master's degree, and you are interested in teaching a section of UNIV 101, please let me know. All UNIV 101 instructors are required to go through a training process (usually in May). We are in need of additional fall instructors.

Requesting Lance: If you are interested in requesting Lance for any university or personal events, please visit the following website: http://usclancaster.sc.edu/studentlife/Lance.html

TRiO Programs: Mr. Matherline Williamson has been named as USC Lancaster's Director of TRiO Programs. We look forward to working with him, and his vision going forward.

Disability Services (Annette Horton)

Registering for Disability Services: As a reminder, the Office of Disability Services requires students with disabilities to officially register in order to receive support services. The registration process is now conducted online via the link: https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/m50ak2g1xqw1cc/. Students must also provide official documentation of their disability (letter from a doctor or Individualized Education Plan from high school). Based on law, students must self-identify to receive assistance.

Requesting Accommodations: After a student has officially registered for disability services, Ms. Annette Horton will meet with the student to discuss accommodations he/she is eligible for. Students must request accommodations each semester. Accommodations may vary from course to course. This process is also completed online via the link: https://sawebdev.wufoo.com/forms/rw6x1in1o6i4sx/def/field822=L001&field823=Yes&field824=Lancaster.

Testing Policy: Students must notify the Office of Disability Service a minimum of two days prior to the scheduled test to receive testing accommodations. Ideally, students will share their testing dates with the Office of Disability Services when the syllabus is distributed each semester.

Student Life (Brandon Newton)

February 20th- Bongo Ball in the Gym of the Gregory Health and Wellness Center. This event is similar to paintball but instead uses nerf guns. This was a good success. Students who played very much enjoyed the event and I hope to replicate this going forward once a semester.

February 22nd- SGA Applications Due- New SGA Officers are President- Adam Whetstone Vice-President- Brittney Staton and Secretary- Katie Coates

March 1st and March 2nd – Teacher of the Year Elections

Schmoozing and Smoothies Spring Semester- March 28th.

April 3rd- Our Spring Outdoor Movie.

April 4th- Red Cross Blood Drive

April 17th- Spring Fling.

Orientation Dates- Next Summer's Orientation schedule has been set with the following dates. June 20th and 21st, July 11th and 12th, July 25th and 26th, and August 8th and 9th.