

Cynthia Paces nominated and elected Chair

Lindsay Barndt nominated and elected Vice-Chair

Brief Recap of the 2016 Changes

- New format included multifaceted approach: Online Orientation (mandatory), Roscoe's Round Up receptions (optional), Summer Camps (optional) and Welcome Week (mandatory)
- Potential to include Accepted Students Day (ASD) to the format for 2017
- Expanded Marketing and Communications plan to include bi-weekly newsletters
- See attached Dean's Memo (December 2015) for information about the decision to move forward with changes to the 2016 program

General Comments/Concerns/Feedback

Online Orientation

- Concern about what students missed by not having in-person access to chairs/departments
- Concern that reassuring details fell through the cracks with students and parents
- Concern about guidance in the academic transition from high school to college; did moving to online orientation hurt that effort?
- Want to make sure the faculty-student relationship is front and center; we market it as such and it's a big reason why students decide to enroll
- First semester sequence was confusing and she had a very hard time getting a response from her department (Patricia)

Roscoe's Round Ups

- Need to stay mindful of out-of-state and international student populations; likely can't be changed from optional to mandatory for this reason
- Great event and great food, but a lot of students didn't know about it because they aren't reading emails (Patricia)

Scheduling & Registration

- Students chose classes on the FSW that weren't the best choice for them; if they take the wrong course it may throw them off schedule or not have them graduate on time
- Students talking to each other and tinkering/messing with their schedules
- Unique advising model on campus (not centralized); nationwide data supports early connection with advisor key to student success
- Due to early arrivals and training, housing assignments have to go out by August 1
- R&R can't know all the intricacies of each department and First Semester Sequence (FSS)
- AP scores NOT causing the issues with scheduling changes in July; students are scrambling for different reasons (subgroup to discuss further)

Technology & Communications

- Currently too many starting points for students when it comes to technology/communications from offices across campus; there is no centralized one-stop shop (ex: NSO, FSW, Housing, Health Services, etc.) "Let us lead it (technology) not it lead us"
- Example of Charitable Giving Module

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Academic Advising

- Samantha spoke about her experience having multiple advisors
- Explore being more consistent across all academic schools in regards to when students are assigned their advisor; protocol if their assigned advisor leaves (temporarily or permanently)

Action Items

1. Review the most recent Learning Outcomes drafted by the TCNJ Orientation Committee; we will use this as a starting point to tweak for this Council and our charge. After we finalize, we can better discuss the mechanisms for how to accomplish and draft recommendations
 - **What do we want students to know and feel at various stages in their transition?**
2. Give thought to which subgroup you'd like to participate in

Subgroups

1. Technology & Communications
2. Scheduling & Registration
3. Academic Advising
4. Campus & Student Life

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, October 5 from 12:30-1:30p in Education 113
- Lindsay to present assessment and best practices research conducted in Summer 2016