EARN Notes for October 15th

Opening Remarks, Benton Shirey

SSC Update and On-Campus Visit - Dr. Gene Palka

- Reviewed usage of the SSC Platform by College and Department and requested professional advisors to continue to utilize the platform to supplement advising efforts.
- Fall 2014 Goals for the SSC Platform
  - Maintain levels of proficiency among professional advisors
  - Increase faculty advisor usage
  - Encourage academic departments within each College to maximize the potential of the predictive work books.
- Associate Deans are invited to triweekly check-ins to discuss college specific issues and stay current with product updates.
- The onsite visit for the collaborative will be October 30th in Whitlock 466, Career Services Lab.
- Each College has been allocated a 1 hour session (see the agenda provided previously to Deans, Associate Deans, and professional advisors), to enable them to attend as a team and address College specific issues.
- Freshmen risk data has been incorporated and were made available on October 18th. This is a brand new feature.
- Reminder that filters within the platform can be used to retrieve data for specific groups of at-risk students.

Winter Term - Tina Davis & Nathan Congleton

- Two schedules for winter term: website and standard dynamic schedule.
  - www.go.eku.edu/winter is the website address
- FAQ geared toward students
- 100% online, web-blended, or off-campus courses only
- No students on campus during winter break
- All students must have their balance paid in full Dec. 8th [any outstanding balance (including parking tickets) will count against the student for registration].
- Syllabus attached to each course
- No RACS for winter session
- Advisor meeting not required, but strongly recommended
- Four credit hours max
- Late enrollments will be on an individual basis as needed
- Will be adding "how to apply as NDEG" document to the website for those students that are not EKU natives
- Pre-requisite overrides vary by department, and should go through Registrar’s office (will be added to FAQs)
- Dr. Palka: Benefits of the Winter term include: generating revenue, affording an opportunity for students who have fallen short or become sidetracked to catch
up/remediate, and enabling faculty to have the opportunity to sponsor courses that have a field/trip component.

- Course enrollment has been set up to "break even" regarding number of students in each section. If a course is canceled, the instructor will inform students by email.
- Gen Ed and specialized courses with travel are doing well and have the highest enrollments.
- Recruitment for classes that are close to enrollment?
  - EKU will be advertising to students at other colleges; EKU has ads running now to reach these students.
  - Faculty are encouraged to recruit for their courses.
- 201515 for Winter term
- Completely withdrawing from winter term will not be treated as a withdrawal from the University (such as is the case with fall and spring terms).
- Schedule book for spring term will be available before registration in November; it is being proofed at the moment.

New Scholarship Model - Amanda McCracken
- This is a no-application model and uses a blended index between ACT scores and GPA, giving them more equal weight, but is still a merit structure. [http://scholarships.eku.edu/estimator](http://scholarships.eku.edu/estimator)
- This model should provide students with solid ACT or SAT scores that were not receiving a scholarship due to lower high school GPAs an opportunity to receive a scholarship to EKU.
- Students can now accept scholarships online
- Scholarship estimator is the new method for determining what award a student will receive. Students enter their HS GPA and their ACT or SAT scores- the estimator provides the student with the correct information on what scholarship they qualify for at EKU.
- The hope is that this strategy will help balance the amount of lower-ability students who will be admitted under the new admission guidelines.

Mental Health Issues on College Campuses - Dr. Jen Walker
- Dr. Walker stated that 84% of college students related that they are overwhelmed in college, to the point that it actually impairs their ability to function on a daily basis.
- At EKU there has been a significant increase in the number of students seeking mental health services between 1988 and 2013.
- 2002 was considered the “watershed” year for students seeking services at EKU.
- EKU has conducted randomized surveys of student’s mental health needs in 2002, 2004, and 2013.
- According to the surveys conducted, 42% of students have considered suicide.
- The survey disclosed that the top ten mental health issues for our students were:
  1. Procrastination (92%)
  2. Stress (84%)
  3. Test Anxiety (82%)
4. Academic Pressures (80%)
5. Time management (79%)
6. Knowing how to study (78%)
7. Problems concentrating (78%)
8. Lack of motivation (77%)
9. Worrying too much (73%)
10. Tendency to be critical/sarcastic (70%)

- Making an appointment with the Counseling Center.
  - The Center provides walk-in appointments on a first-come-first-serve basis **Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**
  - The **first appointment** requires 90 minutes for completion of paperwork and meeting with a counselor.
  - For more information, call (859) 622-1303 (TTY: 859-622-1305) or stop by Room 571 in the Whitlock Building.
  - The office hours for the center are: Monday - Thursday- 8am-5pm and Friday - 8am - 4:30pm.

**Advisor Questions and Feedback, Benton Shirey**

- The importance of having an emergency plan to stay safe in your area, including the ability to have a locked space to hide (in the event of a shooter on campus or other threat to personal safety) that does not have windows in or beside the door.
- 11:05, meeting was adjourned

**Next Meeting: November 12, 2014 (9:30-11:30)**