

Regents Administrative Committee on Academic Advising (RACAD) Meeting
Middle Georgia State University
Thursday, March 7, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Welcome, Ice Breaker, and Introductions

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – USG Systemwide Updates

- Jonathan Hull, Associate Vice Chancellor Student and Faculty Success
- Melanie Largin, Associate Vice Chancellor Transitional and General Education
 - Discussion on system contract with Accuplacer test
 - May be able to pull GSFC GPA into our system to use for RHS GPA; may have to look at cut scores if we change.
 - Transfer initiatives: a taskforce is getting ready to release a list of recommendations.
 - Discussion of system-wide guidelines for AP scores
 - Dual enrollment: ECON has one year extension from DOE to align courses with legislative requirements for high school credit; need more connections between advising and DE staff to high school campuses.

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Break and Networking

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Core IMPACTS

- Discussion of thoughts from advisors on change
- Discussion of planner/Degreeworks/maps
- Discussion of full year schedules
- Best practice is to marry career and academic advising

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Working Lunch – Share Best Practices for Student Communication with your Lunchmates

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Core IMPACTS - Continued

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Regents' Awards

- Consider submitting Regents' Momentum Award for Excellence in Advising and Student Success when submission opens next time (September)

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Break and Networking

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Round table discussion (topics on table)

- AI in Advising

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- Suggestions included creating a workflow, improving tone of emails, ChatBot for nudges, post-appointment surveys, centralized communication plans, and use of D2L intelligent agent.
- Second topics was around Student Engagement with advising. Participants shared their use of text reminders, group advising, class requirement, registration check points and virtual town halls.
- Operational effectiveness was the third topic. Using a team concept were someone is always available, leveraging assistant director, and utilizing an advisor on duty model were discussed. Additional topics briefly discussed were generational differences in staff, attrition and career ladders, and faculty advising.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – RACAD Housekeeping

- Officer Elections
- Elections for officers were held.
 - Melissa Young (CSU): Chair
 - Jennifer Youmans (AU): Chair-elect
 - Jennifer Hicks (GA Highlands): Secretary
 - Lovetta Swank (GA Tech): Treasurer
 - Sherwin James (Clayton State): Past Chair
- Virtual meetings-Spring 2025
- Next in-person meeting-Fall 2024 in Macon
- Other topics

3:30 pm – Meeting Adjourned