

**ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FOR ENHANCING STUDENT SUCCESS  
(ACCESS)**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
10:30 AM

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❑ **Members Present:**

Albidrez, Ambrose, Branker, Brasier, Burnette, Callanan, Foster, Grant, Leeder, Luckadoo, McGraw, McLean, Moses, Motley, Outing, Ray, Reid, Robinson, Simpson, Standish, Watts, Yancey (Tremaine Brittian), Zelna

❑ **Update: Student Success Strategic Suggestion Box**

(<http://blogs.lib.ncsu.edu/page/studentssuccess/> **Weblog**)

Burnette reported that the Student Success Suggestion Box was now on the Office of the Provost site as well as the Division of Student Affairs home pages. She asked the Council to advertise the link to their students, faculty, and staff.

❑ **Presentation on Changes in Higher Education (Grant, Zelna)**

Grant and Zelna presented for the Noel-Levitz Team (including Burnette and Ray) on the keynote address of Futurist Ed Barlow regarding changes occurring that affect Higher Education. Discussion ensued regarding why NC State should remain open to change within the eight competency areas (economic, global, environmental, science and technology, demographics, organization, and human resources). Grant and Zelna urged the Council to take charge of their own professional development by staying abreast of current issues within these areas and updating their skill set regularly.

❑ **Impact of New GEP on Access and Student Success (Ambrose)**

Ambrose addressed the Council regarding new changes within the General Education Program. By the end of the semester, the GEP will be complete with already half of GEP courses being approved to date. Ambrose related that there are new global and diversity requirements and tracks for environmental programs. Many of the new changes are made possible through modifications in the existing courses. The GEP has now shrunk from 53 hours to 42 hours, which will enable students to move through the system faster. There are more free electives and many of the degree programs now have less hours than before. There has also been an increase in minors and certificates.

Ambrose went on to comment on the transparency of the GEP. The new Student Information System (SIS) will attach pre-requisites to courses making it difficult for students to register for courses outside of their ability level. Students under the current system will be able to switch to the new system. Even NC community colleges benefit by the strengthened articulations requirements under the new GEP.

❑ **Marketing Student Success (Grant)**

Burnette requested that this item be tabled for the January meeting. Grant agreed.

❑ **Workgroup Updates:**

Burnette asked each workgroup to give a brief update.

○ **Assessment**

▪ **Calculator Team (Standish)**

Nothing to report.

- **Exit Data Team (Zelna)**  
Zelna informed the Council that the ACCESS subgroup met and reviewed the data collected thus far. The group decided to do at least one -- if not two -- more rounds before they make any decisions on how to proceed.
    - **Student Success Inventory (Burnette)**  
Burnette reported that she and Brasier will meet with the Student Success Inventory developer and discuss concerns in mid-November.
    - **Withdrawal Forecasting (Standish)**  
Nothing to report.
  - **Policy and Practice Review (McLean)**  
McLean reported that the draft report and recommendations are with the associate deans. The group is awaiting feedback before continued vetting.
  - **Student Engagement**
    - **First Year Portal (Grant, Watts)**  
Grant reported that the team met with Leslie Dare of the Division of Student Affairs regarding a new SIS student portal. Both have been working on websites that address: "How can students be successful at NC State?" The group is working on improving what they have done so far and are deciding on the various places to put the portal. The group meets again with Dare in mid-November.
    - **NC State Student Involvement (Grant, Wical)**  
Nothing to report.
    - **First Year Objectives (Robinson)**  
Robinson related the Outcomes group had not met.
- **Announcements**
  - Ray announced that November is Native American Heritage Month. She invited all to attend the Elders Teacher Project on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There will be talks and other events to share with your students. See the URL below for more information:  
<http://www.ncsu.edu/msa/downloads/2008NAHMCalendar.pdf>
- **Adjourn**
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 in the Faculty Senate Chambers, D. H. Hill Library**  
No November meeting for the Council. Meetings will resume next academic year.