



The University of Texas at Austin Academic Counselors Association

February 10, 2021

8:15am Zoom Room Opens

8:30am Welcome and overview of the schedule!

- Mckinlaye Harkavy & Sawyer Tedder – ACA Co-VPs

8:35am ACA Committee Updates and Announcements

- Awards & Recognition Committee, PDD, ROAD, POD, etc.
 - Awards and Recognition – Peggy Sharp & Sydney Benator
 - 4 nominees for NACADA
 - Heather Peterson – new advisor
 - Ramshorn Scholars – outstanding program
 - Juliana Lindsey – outstanding advisors
 - Vanessa Garcia – administrator
 - Student and Staff Scholarships
 - Staff - grad school, conference fees
 - Student in an advising/student support role
 - ROAD – Emma Decker
 - Today – Engaging Struggling Students in their Academic Success – led by Antoinette Stanley
 - Future semester events to be shared
 - POD – Chris Montes
 - Meeting about once a month – Feb & March – looking at professional development
 - POD leaders
 - PDD – Ashley Moir & D’Evelyn Kaburu
 - First virtual PDD
 - Will send breakdown & schedule available
 - Keynotes: Dr. Gage Paine, Dr. Julie Schell
 - Download the Whova app and start getting involved
- TEXAAN Conference Update
 - Terrance McClain & Charity Benford
 - Fully virtual
 - Keynote: Angela Davis
 - Sold out – over 500 attendees; possibly extend capacity (decision by Friday)
 - Largest attendance so far



- If interested, sign up and join the waitlist
- Frontline staff: career advising, equitable advisors, working with administrators, frontline staff,
- Camp Gladiator
- Will feed people through GrubHub
- Texas Higher Education Commissioner

9:05am ACA Update

- Steph Cantu (ACA President), Josh Barham and Sarah Singer (ACA Presidents-Elect) will give an update regarding the work the ACA Exec Board has been doing since our last meeting and our plans going forward.
 - Steph
 - Presentation to Education Policy Committee (part of Faculty Council) – previously consultant without vote
 - EPC voted to pass that motion (ACA have a voting role)
 - Committee on Committees passed, recommend “vote of no contest” (everyone vote in favor)
 - Now goes to Faculty Council to vote
 - Sarah Singer – on academic calendar committee
 - Josh
 - Petition – wrap up by the end of the month and send it on
 - Thank you for the feedback you’ve provided!
 - Long process (compensation, etc.) – put together an ad hoc committee to work on advocacy and compensation so that it lasts beyond Exec (1-year terms) or Advisory Council (2-year terms)
 - Examples of things to do:
 - Addendums and additions to compensation report
 - Advising fee
 - HR – fix compensation across campus
- ACA Exec. Election Discussion - Review of Exec Positions
 - President
 - Time Commitment/Responsibilities:
 - This year more extreme than years past based on Exec goals



- EPC meetings – 2 hours per month
- Making Exec meetings agenda – 30 min
- Running Exec meetings – 1 hour
- Attending ACA meetings every month – 1.5 hours
- Work with Exec to set vision and setting goals for the year – met in July/August
- Useful skills:
 - Thick skin and keeping the vision in mind – guidelines for when to say no to people
 - Broad vision of what advising at UT looks like – interface with lots of people
 - Diplomacy and being willing to stick up
- Benefits:
 - meeting people on Exec team
 - connecting with advisors across campus
 - gained better understanding of how the university operates
- Vice Presidents
 - Works well as a co-position – consider finding someone that you work well with
 - Time Commitment/Responsibilities:
 - Main role: running the ACA meetings
 - Monthly meeting with co-VP to set the agenda
 - Making sure that meetings address the needs of ACA community
 - In charge of committees – communication between committee chairs and Exec
 - Useful skills:
 - Attentive to community needs, find out and work with how to respond to the needs of a large community
 - Communication
 - Responding to emails
 - Planning meetings
 - Benefits:
 - Great to hear about what people want to talk about and how to engage



- New advisors – VP is a good role to be in – hosting the space, get to know a lot of people and connected to university issues,
- Better understanding of how university works, advocating for other people
- Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect
 - Treasurer:
 - Time Commitment/Responsibilities:
 - Main role: collect the checks, handle the finances
 - Work with president, exec board to set the budget
 - Membership invoices
 - Working with committees on budgets
 - Training treasurer-elect
 - Skills:
 - Organized
 - Communicate with folks
 - Benefits:
 - Learned about UT financial systems
 - Treasurer-elect:
 - 2 year role: treasurer-elect to treasurer
 - Learning & observing in the first year
 - Main role: ACA Exec Representative for PDD committee
 - PDD Invoices
- Next month – President-Elect, Historian, Secretary, Communications Director

9:40am Community Forum/Breakout Rooms

- Ad Hoc Committee Room – Josh
- Exec Positions – Steph, Sawyer, Payton, & Veronica
- Fun Group (Pets, Pop Culture, and Pop Tarts) – Cristabella, Dorie, Nyesha



We will see you at our next meeting in March!