**Academic Success Department Meeting**

Zoom Link: <https://fsw.zoom.us/j/8648151711>

March 14, 2025

2:00-4:00 pm

PRESENT: Mary Schultz, April Ring, Laura Shaw, Naira Bishop, Sonji Nicholas, Renee Hester, Joanna Liebelt, Sharon Hill, James Acton, Duke DiPofi, Troy Tucker, Holley Holland

1. Good news
   * Naira Bishop-connecting with a lot of students in positive ways
   * Sonji Nicholas
     + PTK on Collier student leadership is advancing to higher levels
     + PTK on Lee needs an advisor
   * Sharon Hill-Kiwanis International, Sharon will be chartering an offshoot, the collegiate arm, on Lee Campus
2. Follow-up from SAHSS meeting
3. Committee Updates (as needed):
   * Curriculum Committee-need a new representative
   * Professional Development Committee-Sonji-deadline for next PD travel is March 26, ancillary funds are still available for books and professional memberships
   * Learning Assessment Committee-Renee-been discussing HLC, no longer doing effectiveness plans
   * Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity-
     + Deep research tools (Elicit-can provide a list of possible resources, Perplexity-will provide more of an answer and sources, although not always scholarly, Chat GPT).
     + Grammarly-lots of professors having issues with Grammarly, Dr. Ring not going to include it on the shell next semester, recommends BrainFuse.
     + Research Expo coming up, encourage students to attend
   * Academic Technology Committee
     + HLC keep in mind the many ways we use technology
     + 4 week series coming up end of March offered by FLVC
     + FSW Online Community of Practice
   * Gen Ed Advisory
     + Writing Intensive designation added to Phi 2010
     + WAC (Writing Across the Curriculum) Director position still being worked on
4. Advising updates
   * Will Brown-is our liaison, but not here in meeting
5. Peer Mentor-Joanna Liebelt
   * In process of hiring for Fall, encourage students if you think they would make good PM’s
6. Syllabi template and textbook adoption deadlines
   * New textbook adoption deadline
7. Reminders:
   * FSW Online Community of Practice - join online and/or join Launch Event March 26 at 10
   * HLC - March 31 - April 1-whether or not to cancel if you are invited to attend a focus group: consider checking with Dr. Page, everyone should have at least a face level knowledge of what we are doing to improve student outcomes.
   * Webinar Watch Party - April 7-on integrating technology
   * [Canva Create 2025](https://www.canva.com/canva-create/?lid=3jde1mzxmagw&utm_source=braze&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email_schedule_engagement_brand_2025canvacreate_sneakpeek_250205&utm_content=lifecycle) - April 10
8. EAP and REA topics/questions
   * SAT Prep courses will be offered at FSW, looking for someone to teach reading/writing sections, if interested reach out to Dr. Ring
9. SLS topics:
   * [New Extra Credit Assignment](https://fsw.instructure.com/courses/1084983/assignments/9745095) - Spring Research Expo
   * SLS Cohort - Course Redesign update
     + Making good progress, hashing out MLO’s
     + Course will be more project based
       - Will have 2 writing reflections
       - 3 projects
         * Identifying skills and resources
         * Lightning talk-research to develop a skill further
         * Identify/address a challenge in a potential career or major
       - Will be piloted next year before it is implemented by all SLS faculty
   * Hiring Committee - new SLS position
     + 2 openings, one on Lee, one on Collier
     + Need 5, although 4 from ours and a 5th from another dept. could be possible
     + April Ring, Sonji Nicholas, Laura Shaw, Sharon Hill volunteered
     + Consider someone else from another department
   * Student Success Data, adjunct survey and possible 2025-26 goals
     + Peer Mentor Office Hours awareness could be improved
     + Rene-only 11% of students completed this survey
       - The data doesn’t represent even 1/3 of the SLS population
     + Sonji-a goal could be to increase the number of respondents
     + Joanna-student success workshops-could we make attending Peer Mentor office hours a requirement for GPS
     + Laura-the survey asks about awareness or usage, so just knowing what the office hours are could be helpful
     + Laura-interesting that the majority that responded are female
     + 2 possible goals: improving survey completion rates, finding ways to increase participation of Peer Mentor hours