**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