During the HCC All Advisor Meeting, the following topics were on the agenda:

USF Transfer Program updates:

**-Public Health Degrees**

Kenneth Griffith is an Academic Advisor for Undergraduate Studies, at the College of Public Health, in USF. He may be reached at 813.974.9372 or via email at kgriffi3@health.usf.edu and more information is available at www.publichealth.usf.edu

He states it is better for students to email him and set an advising appointment with him as they will secure a 15-30 minute time frame with him. He also said that students who walk in will generally receive less than 15 minutes (with any advisor).

**-Transfer Admissions**

Courtney Campbell is an Academic Advisor who works mostly with students planning to complete a BS in Applied Sciences at USF. She may be reached at cfcampbell@usf.edu. For more information on Transitional Advising Center, please go to http://www.ugs.usf.edu/trac/

She states that they refer to General Education courses as “FKL” (Foundational Knowledge Learning). www.ugs.usf.edu/gec/fkl/FKLrequirements.html. This is great place for any student planning to transfer.

Another good reason for students to view this site is because once students enroll at USF they will not be able to take courses at HCC (to get the course at a cheaper price) unless USF does not offer the course.

**-Business Program**

La ‘Tevia M. Lowe is an Academic Advisor for the Undergraduate Programs in the College of Business. She may be reached at 813.974.4290 or by email at lalowe@usf.edu.

She stressed that many students coming in to apply for the Business program are not strong in math nor do they like math. In particular, she states accounting is a limited access program and so she humorously suggests students be encouraged to other programs if they do not like math or have scored low in math classes.
She states many students repeatedly make failed attempts at math classes in order to get in to these programs. However, she states that these students are then at risk for **Excess Hour Surcharges (EHS)**. I don’t think she intended to open the can of worms she did when she mentioned this at the meeting. At the bottom of this message you will find links explaining these. There were many questions regarding this as though this was new to most of the advisors. However, in researching it more, it has been in place since 2009 and is (and apparently has been) available information in our HCC website.

**HCC and College Readiness, Developmental Education, Meta-Majors**

HCC’s Karen Griffin spoke about a Senate Bill 1720 ([http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2013/1720](http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2013/1720)) which is in regards to ‘Prep’ classes: “revising requirements for the common placement test to assess basic computation and communication skills of students who intend to enter a public postsecondary education degree program” In short, what I took away from this is that PREP classes may be going away all together but there were no answers as to how this will affect EAP students. More to come (I hope!)

**Transcript Evaluation Office Update**

Antony Thundyhil of HCC can be reached at 253-7179. He states that Karen Griffin’s office receives and considers transcripts with any syllabus, course description and objectives provided to HCC by students who previously attended a Non-regionally accredited institution.

This page is very technical and not one I would give students to read but it may help us answer questions students have about their transcripts: [http://www.hccfl.edu/sacs/draft_report/cs3_4_4.htm](http://www.hccfl.edu/sacs/draft_report/cs3_4_4.htm)

**Degree Audit Update**

Kathy Cecil (of HCC) states that 2015 is the last day for students currently working on an AAS degree to finish. After this, the degree will not be offered.

**Excess Hour Surcharge Fee:**


What does excessive hours mean and how does that affect my transfer to a college or university?

Those students seeking a baccalaureate degree at a Florida state university
may be charged an excess hour surcharge fee. **Excess hours are** defined as hours that go beyond 110% of the hours required for a bachelor degree program.

**It is important when developing an Education Plan** and registering for classes that students make every effort to enroll in and successfully complete those courses that are required for their intended degree. Course withdrawals and/or repeats, as well as enrollment in courses, not required for the intended major, may contribute to potential excess hours surcharge.

• Some transfer schools are mentioning a Completion Ratio; what is that? Some Universities are now looking at a completion ratio to determine admission and acceptance to the college or university. A completion ratio is calculated by: total # of credits taken/total # of credits earned= completion ratio. **The ratio which is required for admission is typically 67% or higher.**

**USF also has more detailed info on this:** [http://www.registrar.usf.edu/regurl/os/excess](http://www.registrar.usf.edu/regurl/os/excess)


**Other useful information**

*(not obtained at the All Advisor’s Meeting):*

**Advising- HCC is building new Advising pages. Please continue to check these for up-dates.**


(at the moment this website is empty but please keep checking for updates: [http://www.hccfl.edu/ssem/advisors/advising-new/advising-resources.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/ssem/advisors/advising-new/advising-resources.aspx) )