Cluster Summary Report – Fall 2015

Cluster Name: Theory, Practice and Delivery of Advising

Cluster Steering Committee Member: Rebecca Cofer

Common Goals or Themes (if any):

Two of the commissions had a similar goal of having professional development opportunities in their group

Individual Goals and Progress to Completion for each CIG:

C/IG: Faculty Advising Commission

- Update faculty advising pocket guide-
  - A working team composed of 5 people hope to complete a draft by end of August 2015- completion of document set for December 2015
- Continue to develop community within commission
  - Haven’t made progress towards this goal but will once the advising draft is done- will reintroduce this idea at the commission meeting at annual this year
  - NACADA listserv is alive- no specific action at this time

C/IG: Theory, Philosophy and History of Academic Advising Commission

- Expand and communicate the scholarship of advising- create an inclusive environment
  - 4-8 steering committee members are new to the role
  - met in February to discuss priorities, want to meet more than once a year- continue to assign responsibility for initiatives
- Provide professional development opportunities-
  - Steering committee didn’t favor this idea, but did identify other initiatives to get people thinking about T&P via Facebook and Twitter- want a Hot Topics session at annual and continue to foster diversity of initiatives

C/IG: Peer Advising and Mentoring Commission

- Steering committee needed to be selected for effective leadership in commission
  - Found 4 steering committee members- current members have agreed to stay on for this year
  - Held 3 online meetings in February, March and July
    - Megumi will be actively recruiting a 5th member at annual
    - Hope to hold more regularly scheduled meetings with the steering committee members
- Provide professional development opportunities
  - Lisa encouraged targeted and general members to write proposals for conference this year- got same number of submissions as last year;
    - Target for next year is to increase the number
  - other member created survey to match people up with others interested in same area of development; Megumi and Stacy did a blog as well
What support is needed for your cluster from the Division Reps or EO?

Additional Items of Note:

- When commissions have goals of increasing proposals and sessions in their field, we may need to stress that sometimes when a conference is in a popular location (like Vegas), the commission may not have as many sessions because of how many more proposals are submitted. This may help folks feel better if they don't meet that goal.