

Theresa Bevilacqua

Terri Introduced to Committee by Kim Holmes. MAAN is a key group for Terri to connect to. She will be assessing advising collaboratively with colleges/units and developing new resources for students and advisors. Terri discussed goal of providing 4 year academic plans for every major. The committee asked about how these forms work/relate to SEP and Terri clarified that these will be a paper-based stop gap solution while others work to get tech side of SEPs resolved. Goals is to show linear aspect of coursework to students who may not be contacting their advisors.

Steering Committee Representation: Smirti Kansal

Ideally the committee will have two representatives from every college. Assad will reach out to Cheryl about her role. Smirti will be unavailable for the next meeting but will join after NACADA.

Recap of NVCC Advising Symposium

Over 100 participants (39 Mason and 69 NVCC) and under budget (approved \$2900 but only spent \$2514 - \$\$\$ saved by donations from parking services).

All agreed that it was a great start to a conversation. Feedback has been positive so far – assessments are ongoing. Julia Brown is the NVCC person connecting with Mason leadership about advising and this event provided an opportunity for advisors to connect directly.

Brydin and Wayne will speak to Janette (who would like to include all VCCS not just NVCC) to secure future funding.

Possible ideas for future events (timing an issue but Feb. seemed to work well):

1. Connect program advisors from Mason and VCCS so that we can learn how they are advising students and get to know their programs better;
2. Joint student advising sessions (VCCS student, VCCS Advisor, and Mason major advisor);
3. How do VCCS advisor advise for multiple transfer destinations;
4. What is the role of the VCCS advisor versus role of counselor?
5. Which 4-year institutions have permanent advisors at various VCCS?

Funding Update

Assad will speak with COS next week. Commitments have been made by everyone but CHHS (in process); CVPA (not meeting FTE); and, BUS.

Spending Plans (in order of priority)

1. **MAAN Tablecloth (\$300 - \$750, depending on size and printing). Vendor Rec: DBI Interactive.**
2. **Allied member of NACADA (\$75).** Good discussion about what MAAN should pay for versus what Mason should cover. Membership provides us with street-cred, publicity, and video resources that can be used for LOLs.
3. **RAW Banner (\$50 – \$100).** Logo on old banner is blurry.
4. **MAAN T-Shirts (\$800).**

Committee Updates:

RAW – March 16 – 20. Academic Advising Expo Monday, Mar. 23rd

Research – Terri B. interested in co-chairing. Brydin will reach out to current committee members about participation before sending invitation to listserv. Stephanie suggested doing an advisor survey about banner screens.

LOL – Assad made call to cancel last session because Sally was out of the office. Lengthy discussion about impact of orientation schedule change on advising and student experience. Assad will invite Rick and Sally to March 20 steering committee meeting. BAM and Registrar sessions went great – we will repeat next year.

MAC – Going well. Smirti and Jason will be added as coordinators to assist with logistics. Binders should last the semester but we will need more if we run a summer cohort.