

## **MAAN Steering Committee, September 30, 2016**

1. Patriot Experience Co-Curriculum Visit – special guests Alissa Karton and Christian Barber: had a 30 minute presentation where talked about the 4 different co-curricular pathways in Patriot experience and also about the Get Connected site. There were questions raised about what the students get after completing the curriculum and they are still trying to figure this out with the provost and registrar’s office. If a unit wishes to include their events on this site, they would need to become an “organization” in this app. Contact person for this is Michael Galvin. For any questions we can reach out to masonpe@gmu.edu
2. Update on advisor safety - Sara M informed the group that the newly formed Student Advocacy and Support Group will conduct an LOL for advisors in Spring. Detective Taylor and Maggie will lead the training.
3. University re-organization and impacts to CAART – Jon May informed the group that Michele Marks will take over as the new Vice President and is retaining CAART. He will keep the group informed of any changes that take place within his unit under this new regime. Jannette Muir takes over an expanded role and they will hire some one new for her old position.
4. Call for volunteers for Mason/VCCS Academic Advising Symposium - Terri needs volunteers to help with planning and organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Mason/ VCCS Academic Advising Symposium. It is scheduled for Mar 10, 2017 in the HUB. We are first on the W/L for JC for that day.
5. New Steering Committee membership – Group welcomed Amira Al-Khulaidy as the latest member of the steering committee. Amira recently joined GMU and was previously working at NOVA.
6. Debrief on Patriot Experience Redesign LOL from 9/27 – The PE redesign steering committee needs feedback on the LOL by Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. We have arranged for a special coffee connect with the co-chairs with hopes to brainstorm and answer any questions that advisors may have on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Wayne had an offline meeting with David Burge and he expressed an interest in learning more about advising at GMU and maybe attend MAC 101. We could also offer a crash course for them. The important thing to remember about the document is that these are recommendations and we as advisors still have time to have a say in this. There was also some discussion on the role of advisors and if other units overlapping with our roles on the basis of having completed MAC. Both MAC 101 and 102 modules emphasize that completing the MAC program does not certify an individual to become an academic advisor.
7. **External committee involvement and information sharing**  
AAC - discussed SEP  
APAC – there is talk about changing the time of the meeting and also the definition/role of APAC  
RAC - discussed organizing a fair for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students to promote accelerated MS programs.

GAGAA – There may not be any health insurance for graduate students because of some conflicts with Obama Care. There is also the possibility of bringing back the policy to allow 2 certificates for graduate students. Discussion on Course Leaf about recommended vs required prerequisites. Updates need to be given by Jan 2017. Any modifications or feedback on the catalog can be emailed to Stephanie. Possible LOL/training for advisors. NOVA, Montgomery and one other community college has joined the Washington Consortium.

**8. Internal subcommittee updates**

LOL – there may be some change in Octobers scheduled LOL

MAC – HR cancelled their recognition ceremony so MAC graduates will not get their celebration. We hope to give them shout outs on the listserv, newsletter and mason accolades. There is also a letter in work that will be signed by Jeannie and Michelle congratulating them on their commitment to advising which will be sent to their supervisor.

RAW - new decoration for George, still have 3 advisor and 10 student slots vacant for the kiosks.

**9. Announcements**

Non-profit Fellows program – Troy Lowery handed out a flyer to be posted in different academic units promoting the program

New MAAN office in CAART suite – available to anyone who wants to escape from their space and conduct MAAN business.

Paul Bousel retirement – He retires in January but will start cutting back hours from November

Jordana Harshman leaving the university – Joining Stanford University

Jade Barricelli Spirit of Advising Award – deadline to nominate is today. 14 names so far. Selection committee will meet sometime next week.