

Registrar's Advisory Council
September 20, 2017
Miller Learning Center, Room 348, 3:30 PM

Double Dawgs Overview:

- A [PowerPoint](#) presentation on the Double Dawgs program was given. More information on the Double Dawgs program can be found at doubledawgs.uga.edu.
- Regarding how HOPE will work with the program, Financial Aid/HOPE intends on students to complete the undergraduate degree in four years. Additional graduate courses can be taken before those four years end.
- Admission requirements for different pathways will be available online soon.
- GRE requirements for each program depend on the specific graduate program of study.
- It was reported that students in both graduate level and undergraduate level classes do not show up in SAGE. This has previously been reported and a change in the data feed is in progress.

Graduation Application Information for Fall 2017:

- The first opportunity for undergraduates to pick up fall undergraduate commencement ceremony tickets is at the Graduation Fair at the UGA Bookstore October 3-4. Only those undergraduates who have applied to graduate in Athena are eligible to receive tickets.
- The deadline for students to apply for graduation for fall 2017 and have their names listed in the commencement program is Thursday, October 19. Students need to make sure to remove their FERPA restrictions in order to appear in the program. Students will receive multiple emails regarding this.
- The graduation application will remain open for fall 2017 through December 15.

Graduation Application for Spring and Summer 2018:

- Per a request from RAC members during the last academic year, the graduation application for spring and summer 2018 opened on August 21.
- Following this pattern, the graduation application for fall 2018 will open on January 11, 2018.
- Several members stated that this effort to move the opening date for the spring and summer 2018 graduation application was beneficial for their students and their efforts in advising them on graduation.
- As a reminder, on the application in Athena, students just need to select one of the semesters provided on the drop down menu on the first screen in order to move on to the next screen on which the actual semester in which the student intends to graduate will be listed.
- Also, students who need a graduation application deleted can email reghelp@uga.edu or advisors/graduation clearance officers can email regsupp@uga.edu as well to initiate the delete process for the student.

Status of Students after Graduation

- The Registrar's Office asked RAC members their thoughts on returning to a previous policy involving registration eligibility following a student's graduation.
- Previously in IMS, a student's registration eligibility would remain active for three semesters following graduation before ending. Additionally, eligibility would remain as long as a graduate enrolled within three semesters of the graduation date and theoretically would continue as long as the student continued to register for classes.
- With the implementation of Banner, a student is now marked inactive following graduation and must be reactivated in order to take courses. Also, eligibility will remain for the semester following graduation as long as the student registers for the class during his or her last semester of classes *before* graduating.
- The Registrar's Office is now considering moving back to the three semester model that existed under IMS and asked RAC members' opinion of this proposed change.
- Several members expressed support for this move, citing, for example, that some students moving on to professional schools need to take pre-requisite courses following graduation. A concern though with this specific example was that these students would have senior priority registration and thus potentially could take seats for specific courses away from other students who have not yet graduated.
- Another advantage for moving back means that students would stay in DegreeWorks longer and would have access to order transcripts and maintain their access to Athena.
- One concern is that if the old model is implemented, those students who previously would have been marked as inactive will now show in the active, eligible student Argos report. This reporting consideration, along with financial aid considerations, are being weighed in the decision to move back to the old model.
- Other concerns or support on how to proceed with whether or not to change this registration eligibility practice should contact the Registrar's Office.
- Another suggestion was to have graduating students only have one extra semester of eligibility following graduation and then become inactive following that extra semester.

Other Items Discussed:

- A follow up discussion briefly occurred on re-admits.
- A discussion occurred on minors and when students can be cleared for a minor. Right now, minors are tied to majors and are cleared at the same time. However, exceptions are possible by writing a letter to the Registrar's Office who will in turn create an exception to clear the minor by adding it to a non-degree record for the student.
- There was also discussion on the Proposal to revise Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 3, Minors that is on the September 27 University Council's meeting [agenda](#). It is recommended that RAC members read this proposal and monitor what will be implemented regarding minors should the proposal pass and be signed by the President. Should it pass, for instance, minors will function essentially like their own program much in the same way a major or certificate program does.
- A discussion regarding Double Dawgs program and admitting students through certain pathway programs was also held.
- There was also a discussion on the correct version of Java to use for Banner. Questions regarding Java and Banner should be directed to the EITS Help Desk.