

GSC Open Meeting 12/3/14

Start Time: 6:32pm

Speaker: Mike Burke

Registrar is an actual person!

Located at 20 garden street

Not going to be there much longer, now over to smith center

In March – 4th floor in Smith center

Undergoing a new Student information system

May not be very apparent to the students – behind the scenes issues

Will be apparent next fall – no more paper documents! Online forms now

University wide! Not just certain departments

Make it easier to register for classes, get transcripts, even if they are studying at more than one school

FAS and divinity school and university term billing office are underway now and will be launched next fall

Launch already the new model – but behind the scenes now

All the professional schools will be joining this after next year

Also helpful to professors to see information about their students

Those teaching – will be easier for cross registering

Only one roster of students instead of separate from those at different schools

No managing of two websites anymore

Alumni: be able to get a transcript easier and having a unified transcript if you went to multiple schools

Unlike Harvard, but very excited about it!

Will start to see the changes in the fall semester

Reach out to Mike if you want to be more involved in this process.

Let them know what is important

You can attend meetings if you really want to be involved

Not one university wide registrar but will be more coordinated

FAS has 2 legacy data bases – redundant

New system will simplify it

One single authoritative system

Campus Solutions will now be used – used in research heavy schools

New Sectioning feature

Very new, need feedback on this!

Painful for students and the registrar

Questions:

Study Cards: Will there still be interaction between advisor and student?

Will still keep the advisor communication, but keep it online
Study cards are very strange – all cards have to be hand scanned

Shopping period right now, undergraduates seem to like it, but faculty does not like it.
Preregistration would be more ideal in this situation.
Would students like the idea of preregistration?

Student: Yes, it can be stressful for TFs. Some TFs have lost their job because the class didn't make it

Student: My undergrad had the preregistration system. No issues from my perspective.
Why do undergraduates like the shopping period? They don't want it taken away from us.
Not really taking it away. It can be more of a peace of mind.

Student: agree, the shopping period is insane. In my experience one of the consequences of the shopping period, you can't assign hw and hard to teach course material. Professors have to give an advertisements. The semester is reduced to 11 weeks

Student: With the shopping period gone, would the add/drop line be extended?
Not going to get rid of the shopping period now. Just want feedback. But, having a longer add/drop date is not ideal for students or the professor.

Student: Would be more ideal so the students don't have to go to 7 classes to figure out what they want to take.
It is hectic! But some students really like it.

Student: While I see the case for this. As someone who has shopping, with a preregistration it is hard to register for all

Student: Have to remember that undergraduate will forget about shopping period if you enacted a preregistration period.

Student: Undergraduates do like the shopping period and graduate students who don't like it, it is only a problem for a short time
Why does shopping have to be the first week of classes? Maybe could shop a class the semester beforehand. Maybe have a video of the first class.

Student: lots of students are campaigning for a smaller section size. Would it effect the registrar if sections were reduced?
It would be stressed to determine the class scheduling. Maybe have those early morning courses

Student: Teaching a class that had a different class size every year, very drastic changes too. My conversations with undergraduates. 2 issues. Ability to shop and people would be able to take whatever classes they want without constraint. They think a preregistration would involve enrollment caps.

Harvard has no issue with this now and we don't plan to implement it. Very few number that actually cap classes. We find the class a new home if there are more students interested. Caps are only given by instructor

Student: always that issue in the first week of classes to ask the professor for a special request. Students have been known to sell their spots in other schools. Want to avoid this. Avoid lottery and caps.

Student: maybe only have a shopping week for freshmen?
Good way to think about it!

Student: Important thing for shopping period is the syllabus. So the professors should be posting their syllabus beforehand.

Professors are required to post their syllabus by Aug 1st.

Doesn't always happen. We also need it posted to link to the bookstore for the book they are using.

For the shopping period – most students want the feel of the class.

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Minicourse list and enrollment now available online

New website up now!

New forms are also up on the new website!

The minicourses are now online on our website.

Lots of courses to choose from this round and tried to make room for them.

All classes except the first one, you are able to step in and out

The first one needs enrollment

Jacqueline Yun: New Go to for everything GSG and GSO

Director of student services, downstairs in Dudley

She is here for you – academic or personal – visit any time

Will be taking over student orgs and groups starting Jan!

Need student groups to renew this year. Need to submit this annually.

Susan should have sent an email if you need to fill out the renewal form

Ask Jackie if you are unsure.

GSG and GSO Funding Approval

Now will read off the groups

All groups showed

List of Approved funding will be updated once a final form is created.

Open Floor