

EARN Meeting Notes

March 9, 2022

- I. **eCampus Course Reminders** – Lindsay Greenwell (Lindsay.Greenwell@EKU.edu) spoke about some concerns that they have regarding on-campus students taking eCampus courses. Please remind your students that eCampus courses are in the 8-week course format and move through material more quickly than what students taking full term courses may be used to. Additionally, please be aware that some eCampus courses may have a capacity limit for on-campus student enrollment. These limits are set by the department. If a student receives a registration error because of their campus designation, there is no override for that error.

- II. **Orientation Updates** – Allison Bullins (Allison.Bullins@EKU.edu) provided an update about the upcoming summer orientation events. There are currently 1,225 students registered for orientation at the Richmond campus, and 35 students registered at the Corbin campus. Orientation events are being capped at 230 students per day. There will be both in-person and virtual events. Virtual orientations will last for 2.5 hours, beginning at 10am. Virtual events will mirror how the orientations in January had occurred. In-person orientations will only take place once per day.

In-person events will begin in Alumni Coliseum, followed by an interactive campus tour with team building-like activities, led by a student Orientation Leader. At 12:30pm, after a brief lunch break, incoming students will then begin to make their way to their academic colleges.

Parents will meet first in Alumni Coliseum before making their way to the O'Donnell Auditorium for information about financial aid and student accounting. From there, parents can either choose to move to the Bookstore, or attend light refreshments and break-out sessions in Powell 219, before breaking for lunch with their students. In an effort to help *both* students and their parents prepare for college, the academic colleges have been asked to prepare informational content for both students and parents. If you would like additional help in preparing orientation material for parents, please contact Allison.

- III. **Registration Hold Portal** – Bethany Warner (Bethany.Warner@EKU.edu) gave an update about the different account holds that bar students from registering for classes. In the past, student have had trouble navigating the steps to resolve their holds. Before spring break there will be a communication sent out to students with information to help explain what holds they have and how they can have them removed. The initial email to students will contain a link to a SLATE portal, displaying their various holds, what they mean, and what steps need to be completed in order for the student to register for classes.

Julie Spease (Julie.Spease@EKU.edu) brought up concerns about the switch back to student tuition balance holds being reset from the \$3,000/\$5,000 threshold to \$1,000. This threshold is expected to change sometime after July 1st of this year and there will be an

additional communication sent out to students once the change occurs. Students who register before July 1st will still be able to do so under the current \$3,000/\$5,000 threshold.

IV. General Education, myEKU Resource Updates – Deanna Johnson

(Deanna.Johnson@EKU.edu) spoke about the virtual general education worksheet, found here: <https://success.eku.edu/register/GenEdWorksheet>, which displays all of the general education classes that are listed in the current class catalog. Students are welcome to view the general education worksheet on their own and select any element/ course that they're interested in registering for to see a course description. Please make note that not all of the classes listed are offered each semester, depending on the final course schedule book. The list of General Education courses can also be found as a printable pdf format, found within the shared Google Drive folder here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QKhZkxysPM8sBwJJDxFLj_7iQb5Hx9Bg.

Instructions for how students can register for courses in myEKU is also available in the shared Google Drive folder.

V. Midterm Recovery – Cale Colbert (Cale.Colbert@EKU.edu) provided a quick overview of the Midterm Recovery program. Midterm Recovery is an intervention program that is only applicable to new, first-time freshmen in their first semester. If a student is declared in a major and is placed on Midterm Recovery, meaning that they are below a 1.0 GPA, they will be moved to AGS and be reassigned to an advisor in the Office of Academic & Career Services until they are back in Good Academic Standing. Spring typically always has fewer Midterm Recovery than the Fall term, and there are currently 12 students in the Midterm Recovery program. Students in Midterm Recovery are required to attend a virtual workshop and meet with their recovery advisor. In addition to student emails, they will also receive a certified letter to their permanent address, outlining the requirements of the program. If they fail to meet those program requirements, students will be administratively withdrawn from their courses on Friday, March 25th.

VI. Good of the Order – Dr. Melissa Bartsch (Melissa.Bartsch@EKU.edu) shared that the ECU Counseling Center's after-hours services will be available throughout the duration of spring break, 24/7. Students can access this regardless of where they are on spring break and regardless of time zone. All they need to do is call the EKUCC number: 859-622-1303.

Lindsay Greenwell (Lindsay.Greenwell@EKU.edu) expressed concerns about the video tutorials on the Degreeworks webpage being out of date. These tutorials may be out of date since the new planner was released and are scheduled to be updated soon.

Dr. Ashley Sweat (Ashley.Sweat@EKU.edu) announced that the Student Success Center is looking to hire new student Gurus. If you know of reliable students who are looking for on-campus employment, POL, SWK, ANT, WGS, SOC, CRJ, AGR, GEO, GLY, ECO, ACC, PSY, CHE, and CMS tutors are needed. Please contact Dr. Sweat for details. Additionally, on April 12th the Success Center will be hosting a "Rise & Shine" registration event from 7:00-10:00am for rising sophomores. More information about the event will be released soon.

Lisa Cox (Lisa.Cox@EKU.edu) mentioned that traditionally, students entering ECU from the KCTC system with an AA or an AS are considered general education certified. ECU is now allowing students who are transferring in from out of state universities with an AA or AS to be considered as gen. ed. certified as well. If you have students who transferred in from out of state this year with an AA or AS degree, they can now submit a petition to have their gen ed requirements fulfilled. Please contact the Student Outreach & Transition Office for more details at ekusoto@eku.edu.

VII. Meeting concluded at 10:27am