SGA Working Hard to Impact Presence on the UCF Regional Campuses

Representing the Office of Student Initiatives (OSI), Dan Compte and Santiago Ossa, Director of Regional Campus Services (Kilbride/Lochrane administration) and Senator for Regional Campuses (now Student Outreach Coordinator for the McCann/Brock administration), respectively, met with Joyce Dorner and Angé Peterson to present information regarding the successful inclusion of SGA initiatives at the various RC locations. The new OSI creates a continual presence for the UCF Regional Campuses sites.

Items included in the comprehensive update were as follows:

- Upgrading of SGA lounge areas
  - Painting the lounges black and gold at Daytona and Cocoa to give them a “UCF feel”
  - Providing free printing stations at some of our regional campus offices

- Increasing student knowledge about SGA—what it is and what it does
  - Setting up non-partisan tables at Daytona and Cocoa during Presidential elections
  - Sponsoring more events at the campuses, i.e. “Pirate Week” at Daytona
  - Providing buses for RC students to attend Universal Knights

- Setting up Skype on campuses to facilitate student organizations’ ability to request funding for conferences and to host on-campus events

- Creating Student Outreach Services
  - Improving consistency in services provided to students at outlying campuses, including Rosen and the Lake Nona campus
  - Establishing regional campus priority with SOS Coordinator for the current year

- Bringing more school spirit to the Regional Campuses
  - Sponsoring spirit days at the various campus locations
  - Inviting Knightro and members of the Knightmoves dance team to interact with students

UCF Regional Campuses is thrilled with this additional emphasis on SGA involvement on all of our UCF campuses. Dan and Santiago are wonderful representatives for UCF SGA and their continued efforts to enhance SGA presence on the campuses are greatly appreciated.
It has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for the Division of Continuing Education (DCE). While the Regional Campuses and Continuing Education are still closely integrated, the incredibly dedicated team of DCE has continued to break new ground in the areas of workforce training, K-12 and higher education academic partnerships as well as national and international partnerships. We have had increased involvement in professional organization conferences and Continuing Education Unit development and delivery. A few of this year’s many accomplishments are presented below. We in DCE wish you all an enjoyable and productive summer.

Recently the DCE initiated a partnership with Volusia County schools for the implementation of SAT/ACT review courses for their region. We are creating promotional events and community workshops for introduction during the summer. They will be fully developed for implementation beginning this fall, the goal being to provide on-site, private courses to all of Volusia County high schools by Spring 2012.

During this academic year, the DCE collaborated with COHPA’s Department of Health Services Administration to develop a Master’s Certificate in Healthcare Informatics and obtained a grant through the WCF Paperless Initiative to provide tuition support for twenty students. There are now 17 students who will complete their certificate this semester.

The DCE partnered with and secured a contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GADOT) to train and certify 18 consultants in the area of Mobile Source of Air Quality. Subsequently, the DCE launched and delivered an open enrollment program in collaboration with GADOT which was geared to local organizations in need of local experts in this area. We are currently working on a 2011 schedule for implementation beginning this fall, the goal being to provide on-site, private courses to all of Volusia County high schools by Spring 2012.

Our DCE Corporate Education unit partnered with the Department of Public Administration and UCF Research and Commercialization. We submitted a proposal in response to a National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) RFP for the development of an online Master’s in Research Administration program. The degree program is now fully developed, has been approved by the UCF BCT, and will convene the first cohort next fall semester. This one-of-a-kind degree program captures the continuum of research administration from concept to compliance to commercialization.

In response to identified workforce skill needs in emerging technologies, DCE collaborated with UCF CREOL in submitting a proposal to WCF for the development of a Photonics Technician Certificate program. Following approval and funding of the initiative by WCF, we took the lead in facilitating development of the curriculum. In addition, we coordinated agreements with sub-contractor and training providers and guided applicants to the successful completion of the blended program. The program consists of math skills assessment tools, remedial math tutorials, curriculum delivery and progress completion tracking through on-line training modules. The aforementioned culminated in 9 hours of hands-on laser lab practicums delivered through a partnership with Wakaa High School. 19 students have successfully completed the program and are in the process of job placement.

DCE is partnering with Brevard Workforce Development Board, Inc., citrus levy Marion Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc., and Workforce Development Board of Volusia and Flagler Counties, Inc. to develop a workforce consortium agreement whereby UCF will be a Contract Training Agent. It is anticipated that Workforce Central Florida (WCF) will also become a signatory to the agreement when their administrative cycle allows them to do so. This agreement, when completed, will greatly enhance UCF’s ability to respond to emerging workforce training needs across the Central Florida region.

DCE launched a pilot project to assess workforce training needs among companies and organizations located in the University’s Research Park as well as those affiliated with the University’s Business Incubator initiatives. This six-month program is intended to identify the training needs of those companies assessed. These needs will be addressed utilizing pre-existing programs or, if none exist, new initiatives will be developed.

This year the DCE partnered with the UCF International Services and the Rosen School of Hospitality Management to develop a noncredit-bearing certificate program. The program consists of math skills assessment tools, remedial math tutorials, curriculum delivery and progress completion tracking through on-line training modules. The aforementioned culminated in 9 hours of hands-on laser lab practicums delivered through a partnership with Wakaa High School. 19 students have successfully completed the program and are in the process of job placement.

As the academic year comes to an end, it’s a time to reflect on Regional Campuses’ activities and accomplishments over the past year. One in particular—the publishing of the Regional Campuses “News”—has provided a means of communicating those accomplishments as well as establishing a sense of regional campus culture. While these monthly newsletters were instituted primarily as a means of communication among campuses, there is a recognized need for a similar effort across the universe with regard to Regional Campuses, and we will be publishing a newsletter for wider distribution in the fall.

Reading the “News,” one cannot help but be impressed with the many initiatives and activities of each of the regions and campuses. Faculty, staff, and management have been truly amazing in what they have been able to accomplish over the past year, and each of you is to be commended for your commitment to students and your many contributions.

As the spring semester comes to an end, most faculty and staff are breathing a sigh of relief. Some are preparing for summer classes and others are planning a trip to their favorite beach or mountain venue. Those of us in the Office of Academic Initiatives aren’t going anywhere. We’re busy making preparations for another very busy year ahead!

In case you haven’t heard, the past year was one of the most productive in the history of the Regional Campuses system. We hired 24 new faculty and increased our student credit hours by 22 percent. This type of growth simply isn’t possible without the hard work and diligence of each of you.

We know that many times the people get lost by simply listing the growth numbers between this year and last. These statistics are found in our annual reports, in administrators’ talking points, and in our promotional materials. Sometimes one begins to wonder if anything but growth is valued. I can assure you something else is.

I walk across the hall and one of our advisors is talking to a student trying to get enrolled in courses. I walk to the other side of my office and another staff member is assisting a student in navigating the graduate appeals process. Truly, there are many things that matter other than student credit hours. The problem is we don’t have a good way to measure these other things. We have an Institutional Research Office to measure growth, head count and the like; we don’t have a way to measure faculty and staff commitment to access and quality of experience, both of which are part of our daily operations and interactions.

While we may not have hard data to show the level of dedication, we, at RC headquarters, understand we could not provide a quality experience for our students without you. The bulk of the responsibility falls squarely on your shoulders: you teach and you mentor. And you deserve the credit. What we have been able to build together is really something quite spectacular—a model for other universities across the country. Wherever I go, people have heard of the success of DirectConnect to UCF and the Consortium Partnership. They want to know how they can duplicate it at their institutions. I tell them it’s because of you. Our faculty, staff and partners put the students first in everything they do.

I couldn’t be happier to be associated with such a dedicated group of faculty, staff and professional advisors. Please take a minute to congratulate yourself and your peers on a job well done.
SANFORD/LAKE MARRY—Ram Williams (Coordinator) with the assistance of Sheri Newble (Admissions Officer, Daytona) conducted two Decision Days with record turn-out for the site—53 on April 25 and 26 on April 13. The campus will make the switch to Express Decision format for their May and June events. Previous record was 30 at a single event. The campus will hold a big welcome to Catherine Cash. The team is looking forward to having you on the team.

HEADQUARTERS—Joyce Dorner, Angé Peterson and Deborah Bradford attended the 97th Annual Meeting of AACRAO in Seattle. The conference, “Creating Destination—Work—a place where you want to be and therefore achieve results.” Martin Smith from PBS’s FRONTLINE closed the meeting with a discussion of his series, “College, Inc.” This investigative report exposed the workings of proprietary colleges and universities in the United States—the people behind them, the promises, the disappointments, huge profits at the expense of students and the government action/reaction. There were various sessions that ranged from social media to FERPA regulations, enrollment management and cloud computing for admission and registrar professionals.


LIBRARY SERVICES

Research Guides are online mini-libraries of information on various topics. Librarians create them to support students’ research.

The URL can be incorporated into Blackboard as a source to lead students to the many scholarly resources available via the UCF Libraries. Research Guides can be customized to feature subject specific databases, online journals, collections of ebooks, and information about resources such as citation formatting.

Example here is of a general psychology guide specifically created for Regional Campuses or online students.

http://libguides.lib.ucf.edu/rc-psychology

STUDENT SERVICES

CAMPUS NEWS

• Launched summer/fall live and virtual transfer orientations across the regional locations. A total of 28 sessions are scheduled; beginning March 29, 2011 at UCF Daytona Beach and ending August 18, 2011 at UCF Valencia Osceola.
• Distributed 849 Universal Knight tickets to regional students and guests, resulting in a total attendance of 1048 for this major SGA event at Universal during April.
• Planned, organized, and coordinated several diversity and inclusiveness training opportunities in most of the regional locations for students, faculty, and staff with focus on gender, race, culture, and ethnicity.

During the spring and summer months, Regional Campuses will be implementing our Digital Signage Project. These digital signs will provide timely information to students, faculty and staff about various projects, special events and emerging UCF news.

Major upgrades are coming to some of our smart classrooms. Please pardon our dust as we do major projector upgrades on the Cocoa campus. These new projectors are at least twice as bright as their predecessors. Additionally, some classrooms will be getting much needed soundproofing.

UCF Regional Campuses are really growing. In order to keep up with this growth, your Regional Campus IT departments must become more efficient. To that end, the IT department in Research Park has relocated to office space on the north half of the suite. Additionally, a review and revision of IT policy and procedure is underway as we continue to implement the best IT practices within the department. As a final step in the Regional Campus reorganization plan initiated by David Laney, we look forward to introducing our new Systems Administrator within the next few weeks.

UCF Libraries Knowledge Management System (KMS) on May 2, 2011. Built on Atlassian’s award-winning enterprise wiki platform, the KMS will provide departments and individuals with a single, easy location to share and store documents, ideas and other forms of information.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Enrollment Services has 13 remaining Decision Days and Express Decisions before the July 1 application deadline for fall:

- Brevard Community College—Express Decisions
  • June 20 Cocoa Campus
  • June 21 Titusville Campus
  • June 22 Palm Bay Campus
  • June 27 Melbourne

- College of Central Florida—Express Decisions
  • June 2

- Daytona State College—Express Decisions
  • June 22

- Lake Sumter Community College—Express Decisions
  • June 6 Southlake Campus
  • June 8 Leesburg Campus

- Seminole State College—Express Decisions
  • May 23 Lake Mary Campus
  • June 30 Lake Mary Campus

- Valencia Community College—Express Decisions
  • June 17 East Campus
  • June 21 Osceola Campus
  • June 29 West Orlando Campus

COCOA/PALM BAY—Nick Pantoian (Coordinator) attended three BCC orientations to discuss DirectConnect to UCF with new BCC students and he participated in BCC’s “Project Get Ready” a program for high school students.

DAYTONA BEACH—Welcome to our newest Program Assistant, Rosalyn Santana, who has moved into Enrollment Services. Deborah Bradford and Raphael Robinson (Assistant Director) served on the Transfer Scholarship Committee in conjunction with Undergraduate Admissions, awarding transfer scholarships to 60 deserving community college graduates who will attend UCF in the fall 2011. Raphael and Angela Johnson recruited Flagler Hospital Health Fair in St. Augustine.

Seminole State College—Express Decisions

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Section Four:

In November, 2005, UCF President John Hitt and the presidents of Brevard, Lake Sumter, Seminole and Valencia Community College(s) signed the Central Florida Higher Education Consortium Joint Resolution. The formal roll-out of this regional initiative was held on April 4, 2006, at a Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Each president spoke to the audience regarding the resolution and what it would mean to provide a pathway to college access for baccalaureate degrees in a time of increasing university selectivity and substantial growth in college-bound students.

The vision was set; however, realizing that vision was going to take collaboration and partnerships on levels that had not been done previously under the 2 + 2 model. The first group formed included the vice-presidents of student services from the partner institutions, along with selected representatives from UCF. This group created a statement of principles which had guided the processes, procedures, definitions and implementation of marketing, branding, data collection, and communication efforts.

Working groups were formed and given responsibility for implementing all aspects of the resolution. In the first round of meetings, marketing directors of the partner institutions met to develop a plan and to come up with a name that would resonate with the general public. The marketing folks settled on DirectConnect to UCF inasmuch as it could be used with each partner’s name and logo. Early in 2007, all the partners agreed to begin using DirectConnect to UCF. Thus, the creative genius of a collective group gave birth to the most unique and comprehensive partnership developed in higher education. At the same time, practitioners of the concept were developing communication and data exchange plans which would impact access at an unprecedented level.

Using wording from sections of the joint resolution, the accomplishments of DirectConnect to UCF over the past five years are summarized below:

Section One: “...substantial, measurable increases in access, degree production of associate’s, bachelor’s and graduate degree levels...strategic importance to the region’s education and economic progress.”

Section Two: “...are committed to planning, developing and aligning instructional programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional level...to create a balanced educational opportunity.”

Section Three: “...pledge to expand the two plus two model...most effective and efficient system for producing graduates...community colleges will not seek authority to offer bachelor’s degrees...unless the University of Central Florida declines...to deliver a program.”

Section Four: “...partners will collaborate on joint staff...other key personal areas.”

Section Five: “...partner will create a specific operating plan to guide the local strategy within the framework of this resolution. Day-to-day collaboration...climate for planning, trust and innovation...alignment of systems, policies and procedures, ensuring seamless transition for students.”

Section Six: “...it is a pledge to stewardship...mission to this regional community and the students...extend the very best in educational opportunity.”

These excerpts from the joint resolution constitute the day-to-day work of DirectConnect to UCF partners and each section is currently being implemented and taken to new levels. The advantage of being a DirectConnect to UCF student continues to be refined and enhanced, taking on new benefits that impact student success in a substantive and sustainable way. Central Florida has seen an increase in student access to degrees, a smoother transition from partner institutions to UCF, and additional facilities and degree offerings which meet the needs of an educated workforce.

Is there more to do? Yes. Each day provides an opportunity for this consortium to go to a level unsurpassed in higher education. Please join in celebrating the partnership of Brevard Community College, Lake Sumter Community College, Seminole State College, Valencia Community College and the University of Central Florida.

Happy 5th Anniversary, DirectConnect to UCF!

faculty and staff

Welcome to Wendy Pérez, our new Office Manager for the College of Business, who was formerly with the Multicultural Center at BCC.


Barbara Kinsey presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

John Lynnxwiler will be present at the Southern Sociological Society.

Flapin Mhal conducted the workshop “Grammar In-Use: Form-Focused Instruction In Communicative-Based ESL Classrooms” at the Center for Global Languages, Valencia Enterprises.

Warren Waren presented papers at the Southwestern Social Science Association conference and, along with Helll Pal, was a winner of the academic poster competition at the Associated Students Association.

Twelve staff and faculty members completed the ABC’s of Discrimination series.

Jim Smith was emcee for the Annual SDES-wide Celebration Breakfast in Orlando.

Jerry Sublette acted as a judge for the Spring Ethics Bowl held at the UCF Teaching Academy.

Teacher Certification workshop and Teacher Appreciation events were held by CoE.

Students and staff participated in the Spring DiveriTea featuring the Orlando Turkish Cultural Center.

Staff met with BCC advisors to discuss DirectConnect to UCF and installed DC tables on bulletin boards at all four campuses.

AI students received admissions decisions during Decision Days by Appointment in March and 47 students attended April Decision Days.

Staff conducted seven BCC campus visits and presented DirectConnect to UCF information at six BCC Orientations.

Staff spoke to hundreds of high school students and parents about DirectConnect to UCF at BCC’s Project Get Ready.

Science

The UCF Southern Region Campus chapter of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association will be holding a Speech Communication Awareness festival in celebration of National Speech and Hearing Month.

campus news

Did you know?

• Southern Region had 51% of all regional graduates in 2009-10.
• Staff made almost 120,000 contacts with students and the DC advisor met with 1,400 BCC students.
• 22% of the staff participated in diversity training opportunities.
• Southern Region provided services for 9% of all veterans served at UCF (1,007).
• The BCC-UCF Writing Center served 469 students and began offering virtual services in Fall 2010.
• Faculty, staff and students volunteered hundreds of hours of community service to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Brevard Cultural Alliance, Children’s Miracle Network, CourtWatch Brevard, Rolling Readers, United Way, The Women’s Center of Melbourne, Central Brevard Sharing Center, Handibars for the Holidays, the VA Clinic, and Connected By 25.

upcoming events

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students

Staci Brewer participated in “Read Across America Day” at Manatee Elementary.

Psi Chi inducted new members and, with Psychology Club, held a mental health panel for students interested in graduate school.

Melissa Baldwin ran in a autism awareness benefit with Rick who is legally blind. They stayed connected through the race with a shoestring.

Education students tutored kindergarteners in literacy and math skills at Endeavor Elementary while Soc students presented at Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium in Orlando. Still others raised money for the Lekluerma and Lymphoma Society.

Nursing students received scholarships from the Orlando Health Honors in the Major, MMA Foundation, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care and the Dorothy Annie Perkins Endowment.

Women’s Studies’ student won two awards at the Service-Learning Showcase and a Recognition of Excellence in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Psych Honor student presented at Statewide Symposium of Undergraduate Research at UCF, another place the Showcases of Undergraduate Research Excellence; and the President of Psi Chi was awarded the Regional Student Achievers Scholarship.
On the Threshold of Change. The session was facilitated by Barbara Thompson.

March 23. In partnership with SGA, over 100 students, faculty and staff attended the first in the Diversity Certification Series on April 8, presented at the annual Student Achievers Study was presented to the Florida Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

The following students received awards from the Central Florida Chapter of Financia Executives International: Stephanie Schlack (accounting) for the Senior Academic Excellence Award, Zachary Kruger (finance) and Meghan McShee (accounting) for the Junior Scholarship. Roy Strom, faculty advisor, made the awards.

One of our Legal Studies students, Lacy Page, was selected as a Legislative Intern to Governor Rick Scott’s office for the Spring 2011 term.

Bernard Mackey from the Office of the Professional Advising was on campus recently to present information on health and law academic programs. About fifty students attended.

Candice Keene, one of our interdisciplinary Studies students competed in her first National Physique Committee Figure competition and earned her IFBB (International Federation of Bodybuilding) pro card. Reflecting on this accomplishment, she said, “For me, since I began both journeys at the same time, I feel school and competing coincide with one another. The two of them balance my life out. With both, you have to strive to attain your goals and use your intrinsic motivation to do so . . .”

Michelle Pace, former student and student ambassador, just received “Rookie Teacher of the Year” from Idylwild Elementary School.

UCF DAYTONA BEACH

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**Campus News**

Our March Transfer Fair had over 40 participants from Seminole State College and the Orlando campus. Some of those in attendance included Financial Aid, Admissions, Student Organizations, Dispute Resolution Services, Student Center, Pre-Professional Nursing, Legal Studies, Health Services, Pre-Professional, Nursing, Legal Studies, and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Benjamin Kozlowski was guest speaker in Irene Pons' Entertainment Law class this semester. Kozlowski, a major league baseball player who pitched for the Atlanta Braves, the Texas Rangers and the L.A. Dodgers, discussed sports law and his baseball career.

Our office participated in Seminole State College’s Diversity Initiatives & Engagement event celebrating our local veterans. Sean Armstrong accepted an award for our commitment to "diversity and inclusion."

Iryna Malendevych and tan UCF students traveled to Pontotoc, Mississippi to work with Habitat for Humanity in building a house for a low-income family. She said about the trip, “Little did we know that besides dirtying our clothes and hands, we would learn so much, meet so many wonderful people and do so much for a family!" Strong friendships were built among all of us!"
Chris Quintero will be joining the Western Region team as Coordinator, Academic Relations. Congratulations, Cecilia! She was honored at UCF Founder’s Day Convocation for her 30-year tenure with UCF. Cecilia attended the 14th Annual National Association of Branch Campuses Intercollegiate Organizations National Conference in Washington, DC this year. She had the privilege of being a part of the Student Senate Delegations to the National Conference. The National Association of Branch Campuses Intercollegiate Organizations (NABCO) is a national organization that represents branch campuses and their students in the United States. The organization is committed to fostering excellence in branch campuses through collaboration, advocacy, and support.

We recently began our UCF Recycles program in partnership with UCF South Lake, UCF Ocala, and UCF Leesburg campuses. In March, several students from the UCF South Lake and UCF South Lake campuses accompanied Sheryl Cohn on the annual field trip to the Kennedy Space Center. The UCF South Lake campus hosted the Black Faculty and Staff Association’s (BFSA) Executive Board meeting in March. Cecelia Rivers was appointed the first Regional Campuses representative. Attendees included: Tanya Armstrong, A.J. Richardson, Carol Watson, Linda Bradley, Barbara Reeder, and Patricia Mays.

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The College Preview event was held March 3 at College of Central Florida and was open to all high school students interested in any of the University Campus partners. Thomas Silarek and Robin Tinsley worked the event which 120 students and parents attended.

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Debra Hunt from Nursing will earn her doctorate degree during 2011 May ceremonies. Paula Reynoso and Carlos Valdez represented Regional Campuses during the Valencia 5K Scholarship run.

UCF Relaxation Day held on April 27. Students were given massages to unwind and take a break from final exams. Lomenie Etienne began her role as Coordinator of SGA.

As a part of Cynthia Walters’ reading course, UCF South Lake and UCF South Lake Campuses degree programs. An Academic Advising Degree Program Workshop on West and Osceola Regional Campuses.

The 2nd annual Architecture Pin-up Review was held on April 21. This event is an integral part of the application process for potential architecture students. Reviewers from the greater Orlando area and across the state evaluate the submissions, looking for such things as design process, design resolution and communication skills. (Pictures shown below are from David Berland)

The Western Region was well represented at this year’s HAPPY Hour Student Showcase which took place at the UCF Orlando campus in January 29. Faculty advisors: Roberta Ergle and Cyndi Walters accompanied the students.
FEATURED PROGRAM

Continuing Education