University Participant (UP) Program Advisory Board/Admissions Steering Committee Meeting

Advisory meeting was held in conjunction with the UP Admissions Steering Committee Meeting

On Monday, February 1, 2021 from 1-4 pm via Zoom (due to COVID)

Minutes: Motion and second to approve minutes from UP Advisory/Steering Committee: February 2020

Attendees at Meeting:	Title/Representing Office:
Emily Bingham and Chris Parrish	Undergraduate Admissions and UP Employer
Dale Carpenter	STL- SPED/IE faculty
Kelly Kelley	UP Director
Susan Buchanan	UP Admin Asst./Career Coordinator
Alexandra Raxter	UP Program Coordinator
Shelby Clark and Charlotte Meier	PSY GAs (assigned to UP for assistantship)
Kelly Tracy	STL Director
Gayle Maddox	STL- Assoc. Professor, Health and PE
Heidi Turlington	Instructor, Health and Wellness/Dance
Kate Otto	Director of MESH/Professor
Misty Hollaran	Office of Accessibility Resources, Administrative Asst
Becky Garland	UP Parent of 2013 UP Graduate
Amy Rose	HHS—Asst. Professor, CSD, PEERS
Anike Fuller	UP Parent-Current 1 st Year
Catherine Butterfield	Assistant Director, Financial Aid
Mary Beth Deconinck	College of Business- Asst Professor, Marketing
Carolyn Callahan	Director of Ed Outreach
Alexander Macaulay	Assoc. Professor, History
Amy Rose	HHS—Asst. Professor, CSD, PEERS
Candy Noltensmeyer	Asst Professor, COMM
Mattie Davenport	WaLC- Tutoring and Writing Center
Larry Hammer	Registrar, Registrar's Office
Karen Roberts, Donna Fox, Cari Weber	A Small Miracle, QPs/Community Partner
Bryant Barnett and Annaleise Camacho	Directors of Residential Living
Jennifer Thomas	UP Employer-Bookstore
Chelsea Reavis	UP Employer- Parking Services
Mary Fischer	WCU Advising Center
Carrie Hachadurian	WCU Center for Career and Professional Development
Cynthia Wray	COMM Instructor
Amy Lingenfelter	UP Employer-Campus Recreation and Wellness
Joseph Harris	Faculty with Emergency Disaster Management

1. Welcome and Introductions

a. Welcome from UP Team: Dr. Kelly R. Kelley (UP Program Director), Alexandra Raxter (UP Program Coordinator), and Susan Buchanan (UP Admin/Career Development Coordinator)

- b. Introductions of returning and new board members (see chart above)
- c. New announcement: Introduced newest UP Team member: Alexandra Raxter (half time UP Coordinator as of January 2021)

2. Old Business/Updates/Status of tasks

- a. New advisory board/committee members were introduced as well as returning members
- b. UP Program Admission guidelines were reviewed with new/returning committee members so everyone had their tasks/direction for the meeting
- c. Zoom etiquette and format changes of this meeting were discussed

3. Current Program Status

- a. The Top 10 Fall 2021 UP applicants were then reviewed and ranked individually with their submitted admission materials/videos for the remainder of the meeting.
- b. A total of 17 applicants were submitted with 7 females and 10 males this year.

4. New Business Items

- a. Brainstormed and took feedback for how we could do the next phase of Admissions since we could not have UP Orientation Camp (no overnight lodging could happen due to COVID).
- b. Decided on half day visits for each applicant and family members coming to campus and also following COVID protocols for our second part of the UP Admissions process.

5. Follow up Tasks

- a. Review survey results and then invite top 6-7 applicants to in-person half day interviews for Phase 2.
- b. Inform the committee members after final admission decisions are made for Fall 2021 Applicants (can take up to 6 new UP students for Fall 2021).

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.