

December Meeting 12-9-15
UPAC Agenda
Location: SUMC 411; Workshop Room
9:00-10:15am

9:00 Welcome: Michael Greeley, UPAC Co-Chair

9:05-9:10 Jill Williams, Director, Women in Science and Engineering Program (WISE) and Kristen Gautier-Downes, Program Coordinator, Women in Science and Engineering Program (WISE) Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW)

- Housed in GWS department
- Focuses on gaining diversity on STEM fields
- Creating new student engagement opportunity for Spring 2016:
 - 4 credit course (GWS 397S)
 - For the course, students will attend 1.5 hour class and work with local schools about 7 hours a week for STEM programming
- Also offering internships as well for students

9:10-9:30: Dr. Yadira Berigan, Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese - Spanish Placement vs Proficiency

- Advance Placement (AP) Credit
 - A lot of times when students come to freshman orientations they do not have they AP test scores, so students will go into Spanish class they placed into but will later have AP score high enough to earn credit for classes they are enrolled in (or even higher sometimes)
 - This can be problematic for students with scholarship requirements since they already earned credit from the AP test and are enrolled in the same class at the UA since they cannot earn credit twice
 - Important to ask students if they have taken AP Spanish test and encourage them to contact us once scores are posted to see if they need to make any schedule changes
 - Registrar's Office typically does not make exception if student stays in a course at the UA that they already earned AP credit in
- Placement vs. Proficiency tests
 - Placements tests are taken in Next Steps Center for Orientation and do not award credits or meet language requirements
 - Proficiency tests are proctored test that you have to make via appointments here on campus
 - If students placed high on their placement test but want to go down more than one level of Spanish, they will need to take the proficiency test to test into a lower level Spanish language class
 - Depending on score, can test out of 2nd language requirements through proficiency test
 - If you have questions, contact cohadv@email.arizona.edu
- CLEP test
 - Students must take the Spanish CLEP test before the end of the 7th week of the 1st semester of college Spanish (whether it is here being taken here at the UA or another higher education institution, like Pima)

- Spanish department is pushing for all of their instructors to have the CLEP deadline on their syllabi starting Spring 2016 semester

9:30- 9:50 Benazir Dadayeva - Critical Languages

- All of their courses can be found under CRL subject
- Must have at least 3 students enrolled to keep a specific language class
- To take CRL language course, there is a \$350 fee
- They also offer language tutoring and tutoring certification options (the certification is recognized nationwide)
- In process of moving Korean language to EAS department, for next semester it will be offered under CRL 197
- CRL language classes meet once a week for two hours and then the rest is self-instruction
- They do not post CRL language times until the first week of classes since it is limited enrollment and based on instructors hours to teach; they try to work with students and instructors schedule for a time that will work for all or move students to a different section if offered
- CRL office can assist with translating syllabi but do not help with any language placement or proficiency tests in the language classes they offer (this is through the Linguistics department, here is a great link for that: <http://advising.humanities.arizona.edu/language-proficiency-exam>).

9:50-10:05 Topic: U of A Pantry - C. Michelle Sun, Community Director, UA Campus Pantry

- Founded in Spring 2012 and is a non-profit organization
- Distribution events held in Babcock Hall, Room 1113 (times for Spring semester TBD), power point has Spring dates posted
- There is no criteria required for people to use Pantry, they just need to present CatCard when they arrive, otherwise information is not recorded, so it's anonymous and free for participants
- They also offer volunteer and internship opportunities for students
- For more information you can visit their website at <http://www.campuspantry.arizona.edu/>

10:05-10:15 Topic: General Advising Updates: Roxie Catts, Director, Advising Resource Center

- An Advising Survey was sent out a few weeks ago, please be sure to complete it if you received the email!
- Thank you to Michael Greeley for serving as a UPAC co-chair for the last two years, it has been greatly appreciated and you will be missed!

10:15 Adjourn