

UPAC Meeting Minutes: 12/11/13

Ricky Salazar, eSociety:

- Started this semester with 6 majors and 6 minors and we are now up to 18 majors and 18 minors.
- It is a unique and interdisciplinary curriculum that stretches across the college of SBS.
- Focuses on convergence of digital information, computation, and contemporary social life and work. You get some technical skills like computation, data analysis, and information management, but then you also get some of the socio culture issues like collaborating on online communities, digital identity, and social media strategies.
- Math requirement is College Algebra

Ashley Krogel, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership:

- The Atlas program started as a stand-alone workshop series where students could sign up and participate in a series of workshops.
- We have now partnered with admissions and created this three-level opportunity for students.
- Any and every student is welcome to participate in the Atlas Program.
- Atlas is a one year leadership program and it is only \$25. Through that, students can go through three levels (bronze, silver, and gold).
- In the bronze level, students participate in a series of workshops. They choose between ten different topics or “tracks” such as event planning, skills and applications, professional development, & organizational leadership. They go through around six or seven workshops led by the undergraduate staff.
- They then go onto the silver level where they do a two to three hour applicable hands on project.
- The gold level is an internship or independent study.
- We now have forty-two students who have applied for an internship and will be placed out in the community.
- There are two different options for advisors: promote it with students or you have the opportunity to partner with us for internships. It is a little late to participate this spring but we look for internship opportunities every spring.
- 1 credit hour course attached to the bronze and silver level.
- Also 1 credit hour attached to the internship or independent study.
- Internship is 60 hours per semester
- To sign up for the 1 credit courses, meet with Ashley first to sign up for program.

Sara Yerger, Updates on College of Education:

- College of Education does not just deal with students who want to be teachers. There are also programs for students who enjoy learning about kids such as the Literacy, Learning, and Leadership program, the Rehabilitation program, and Deaf Studies.
- The GPA requirement for admission to teacher program is going up to a 3.0 for the fall admission cycle to promote that teaching is a highly esteemed job.

- Minors:
 - ACE minor (Adolescents, Community, and Education)
 - There is now a sign language emphasis in the SERP minor starting in next year's catalog
 - Leadership –application required, run through Corey Seemiller in Leadership Programs
- Online program for ASL through Rio Salado- Not recommended for a student who wants to be an interpreter, but just fine for someone who is just trying to get the course completed for second language requirements.
- We do not restrict to meeting with new students at any time, no matter what their situation may be.
- There is a Fall and Spring admission cycle for Elementary education, but the rest of the majors requiring application are Fall only.
 - No application for L3 or Rehab

Roxie Catts, Advising Resource Center

- We have put forward a proposal to change the CLEP policy so that a student can apply up to 60 units of credit by special examination (AP, CLEP, etc.) towards their degree program.
- In Spring, we will offer a series of seminars that will be offered to all advisors. Talks on Generation Z, Financial Aid, Analytics, pre-graduate school and career advising.

New ARC Website:

- Advisor Directory: If you go in and look up your contact information and it is incorrect or nonexistent, I cannot change it because it is all being pulled from Advisor Assignment. Those are controlled by your UAAC representative in your college.
- We are making sure that the programs that we are showing match up with Degree Search. Soon we will have an archival directory that matches to Degree Search.
- Advisor Login: We have changed this so that only university employees can login.
- Business process guides, UAccess helpful hints, meeting notes, etc. will be posted here.

New UPAC Co-Chairs:

- Michael Greeley and Jessica Kiesling!

Jessica Kiesling

Belonging to and serving in professional organizations is very important to me. Professional organizations link us to each other, and to the great pool of resources that exist: our colleagues, our ideas, and programs. Involvement keeps our information relevant, timely, and buoys our spirits during those long weeks of priority registration with a community who 'gets it'.

As UPAC co-chair, I want to focus on advisor engagement that extends beyond the monthly meeting. As a first-year advisor, I participated in a Friday tour of Study Abroad, allowing me to network with fellow new advisors while expanding my knowledge to guide students through the Study Abroad process. Serving on a Transfer Task Force committee allowed me to understand the complicated, behind-the-scenes journey to move a student from 'admitted' to 'matriculated' – and identify ways to make this easier, seamless, and more intuitive – for students and advisors. Attending end-of-the year events, Open Houses like the Honors College hosted last May, and the

Pima-UA mini-conference, allow us to engage, expand knowledge, and get out of our office. J
Providing more opportunities like these will be my priority as co-chair.

As a UPAC co-chair, I bring years of experience in organizational leadership, efficient (and enthusiastic) meeting management, consensus building, and program development and implementation. For eight years, I advised low-income, first-generation (to attend college), middle and high school students regarding the college planning process through the TRIO Educational Talent Search Program at ISU. During these 8 years, I was very active in our professional organization, Iowa MAEOPP. I served on our executive board as secretary, president, and past-president, in addition to holding various committee chair positions. The highlights of my involvement include: implementing a student leadership event focused on leadership and political advocacy; effectively uniting the TRIO community (alumni, parents, and staff) as advocates; planning effective, productive, and relevant professional development events.

Michael Greeley

Hello Fellow Colleagues! I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as a UPAC co-chair. During my seven years as an advisor in the School of Government and Public Policy I have had the pleasure of working with many talented students and colleagues throughout the university. I consider the U of A a special place with a strong advising community, and I believe the work we do is paramount to the success of undergraduates and the universities' strategic plan of 100 percent engagement.

If elected as a UPAC co-chair, I would focus on accomplishing three main goals. First, I would continue to foster an environment that harnesses knowledge and wisdom from our advising community. Since my time as an advisor, UPAC has been an excellent resource and a great place to share ideas. Our current UPAC co-chairs have done a great job and want to make sure that this tradition continues. Second, I believe that professional development is an important part of being an advisor, and there is usually limited time devoted to it. We are all very busy, and our time is important. With this in mind, I want to make sure that every UPAC meeting has a professional development component. Lastly, I want to improve our overall internet and university presence. We need to continue to market what we do and be strategic regarding the future of UPAC. By working with ARC and other partners on campus, we can build a refocused online presence that will help UPAC to continue to advance for the foreseeable future. Thanks for reading and I appreciate your vote! Also, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

A big THANK YOU to Sara and Candace!