

UPAC Meeting Notes

October 11, 2017

Marley 230

9:00-10:15 AM

I. Welcome: Liz Collins

3 new Pre-Health Advisors:

Leah Martinez, Lorri Leong, Tammy Trujillo – Welcome!

II. Curriculum Updates: Stephanie Carlson, *Program Manager for Curricular Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs*

- Curriculum Updates are due November 17th
- Recommend that you do a self-audit of ADVIP. Scrutinize line by line, let Curricular Affairs know about issues
- Will be adding descriptions of the major + campus locations for the major to the ADVIP
- Check out Degree Search for major descriptions, make sure it says what you want it to say
- Guide for curriculum updates is located academicaffairs.arizona.edu/curricular-affairs -> Guides and Forms
- They will have open lab times available for assistance– will send out more information to us later
- Questions? Email Stephanie Carlson

III. Chemistry Updates: Megan Cunnington, Academic Advisor

- The course code for Honors Gen Chem has changed – the course ID's are the same so you shouldn't need to update your advisement report, just update manual materials
- Students will still be able to GRO
- CHEM 105A = CHEM 161, CHEM 106A = CHEM 163, CHEM 105B = CHEM 162 & CHEM 106B = CHEM 164
- FYI - creating another version of Gen Chem for fall 2018

IV. UROC Summer and Year-round Undergraduate Research Program: Nura Dualeh, *Director, Undergraduate Research / Graduate Preparation Programs*

- Promotes undergrad research as a “high impact” experience for students
- Undergraduate research is a developmental process, helps them professionally, prepare for grad school, networking with peers and faculty
 - Time Matters – develop a plan, students should think about their grad school personal statement as an undergrad
- UROC is a 10 week intensive summer experience, students should not work or have other obligations during the summer they participate
 - Deadline to apply is November 1st
 - 120 students
 - \$4000-\$5000 stipends, some underwritten by NSF
 - 6 units academic credit – directed research, writing and presenting is emphasized
 - Includes GRE Prep class in the first week, GRE scores available in the summer, small group study groups, 30 hours of instruction
 - Available to UA Online and Distance students but they must be available in person, on campus, for the summer
 - Not many students apply as they don't think they can get in. Important to encourage students as the chances of getting in are high + helps them prepare for grad application
 - Criteria: 3.0 gpa, underrepresented in higher education
 - Application includes short interview, student tells story of transcript which helps them make meaning of the trends in transcript

- Recently awarded McNair Scholars Grant – gives them funding for 22 extra slots

V. UA Rec Center Staff Benefits: Renee Wood, *Assistant Director of Facility Services*

- Campus Rec is located at 6th Street and Highland, Open 6 to midnight M-F, 8-midnight sat sun
- Smart Moves Studio – reserved for faculty, staff, grad students. Not visible from front, please ask where it is located. Open reduced hours – they evaluate operation times every semester based on peak times and usage
- Membership options:
 - Semester pass - Semester prices will be ½ off October 13th
 - Annual pass
 - Annual Plus includes locker and group fitness pass
 - Off Peak membership options are offered at a lower price
 - Payroll deduction
- More than just a gym, focus on overall wellness, sports, activities, special events
- Group classes (martial arts, dance, etc.) – Group class pass ½ off October 13th
- Intramural sports
- Aquatics and Swimming certifications, ages 5-adult, small group lessons
- Outdoor Recreation – day hikes, camping, canoeing, SCUBA certification, you can bring guests
- Website <https://rec.arizona.edu/>
- Student groups, team building activities available, contact for hours and pricing

VI. Law School Expo: Melanie Madden, *Academic Advisor*

- Pre-Law students can major in anything. Pre-Law advising is available in CLAS to help them prepare for law school after undergrad
- Located in Beardown Gym. Online scheduling is now available for appointments
- Website: <http://clas.arizona.edu/pre-law/pre-law-advising-resources>, or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UAPreLaw>
- Prepare students who plan to go to law school, they can complete Pre-Law thematic minor
- Law School Expo – 10/31 from noon to 3 – law schools from all over the country are represented
- Pre-Law Week - 10/30 to 11/2 – LSAT Prep, Personal statement reviews, pizza with a professional, etc., information available on website soon

VII. Priority Registration for Fostering Success Students: Roxette Vasquez, *Academic Advisor*

- Roxette worked with Tom Murray to develop a ‘fostering success’ program
- Former foster youth will now have priority registration with athletes and veterans. A self-identification process being worked on.
- FOSU student group in UAccess identifies these students
- Working on several initiatives to promote student success such as advising liason program and retention initiatives

VIII. Study Abroad Updates: Lisa Turker, *Associate Director, Study Abroad Operation and Engagement* and Lindsay Downs, *Manager, Study Abroad Enrollment & Curriculum*

- SA is restructuring office to serve advisors and students better – more news available next month
- Developing curriculum integration efforts
 - Working with some departments to pre-articulate courses from partner institutions to make it easier for students to transfer coursework in. If your dept. is interested, contact Lisa Turker
 - Collaborating with UA Transfer office to build rules for transfer credit to automatically articulate in the system – faculty evaluate the course and make decision about a course once, lasts 3 years. If you already keep a list of courses that transfer often and are interested in building rules in the system, send list to Study Abroad and they can help.

- Study Abroad Individual Studies – directed research, independent studies, internship credit
 - Process change: students will be completing a new form (will be sent to UPAC listserv soon). They are asked to identify faculty member who will award a grade for the individual study – this helps Study Abroad to request correct course with study abroad section, ensures students speak with department and are aware of how these credits will be applied
 - Faculty will coordinate with Lindsay to post grade at the end of the term
 - Working on building customized internship opportunities for students, hope to have more info about this in future