

University Professional Advisors Council
Meeting Minutes: March 12th, 2014; Presidio Room

1. Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships

Emily Kotay, Scholarship Advisor

- Roles of Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships (ONCS):
 - Outreach: Find advisors to send us students who they believe would be a good candidate for one of our scholarships.
 - Advice: Help students find scholarships that they are eligible for and then help them through the application process.
- Fulbright Scholarship:
 - Any student can apply for Fulbright
 - To be eligible, student must be a US citizen, have a bachelor's degree by the start of the Fulbright grant date (applications are due in fall 2014 and the Fulbright grant date is in fall of 2015), and proficiency in the language of the country that they wish to visit.
 - Graduate students and graduates with a bachelor's degree are eligible to apply. Students with PhD are not eligible.
 - 2 types of grants: Research Study Grant and English Teaching Assistantship
 - ❖ English Teaching Assistantship:
 - Applicants cannot choose where they want to teach.
 - 700 awards given
 - ❖ Research Study Grant:
 - Students should choose to do a research project abroad about something that will enhance what they want to study in graduate school.
 - Student gets to pick out where they want to study and with whom they want to study with.
 - 1,000 awards given
- Students can begin their applications on May 1st.
- Summer is good time to work on your essay and assistance is available
- Application deadline is September 9th.

2. Deans of Students

Christy Lieberman, Associate Dean

- Newly revamped website and great resource www.deanofstudents.arizona.edu
- We officially have a new Dean: Kendal Washington White
- Advisors are awesome and give great feedback regarding student issues.
- Dean's Excuse clarification:
 - If the student is in good standing(2.0 or better), and they have a university-related event they need to attend, an advisor or dean can ask for an excuse for that student. The Dean MAY grant the excuse if the absence doesn't strongly impact the course they will miss. There are no absolutes.
 - Receiving an excused absence is often dependent on how many times the class meets or how often they miss class.

- Instructors of the course shall accept the excuse, as there is no university-wide official attendance policy. Classroom policy and syllabi are the main source in determining excuses.
- Student needs to complete the excuse process in a timely manner and communicate with the instructor in advance.
- Dean's excused absence is NOT guaranteed to student athletes.

3. UA South

Sarah Wieland, Director of Student Services and Advising

- UA South campuses are in Sierra Vista(Headquarters), Douglas, Nogales, Pima East Campus and Casa Grande.
- UA South is upper division only. It is designed for students to take lower division courses at a community college and transfer to UA South for two years to complete their upper division courses/bachelor's degree. (\$20,000 less than completing a degree on Main Campus)
- Tuition differential for students who transfer from UA South to the UA Main Campus.
- Most students complete their general education through a community college, but the bachelors in applied science has its own general education structure. UA South has a specific general education list. Students still need to complete foundations in English, Second Language, and Math.
- List of programs offered at UA South are posted on Degree Search website.
 - Some programs could be available at a different campus depending on what the student is trying to accomplish. Contact Sarah @ swieland@email.arizona.edu for more information.
- Application process is exactly the same for UA South students as it is for UA Main students.
- UA South Online Program(refer to attachment):
- Allows students to take classes fully online from anywhere in the country
- Also gives students a hybrid option if they would like to attend some classes in person.
- Administrative Justice is currently going through the Approval Process and it will be a Bachelors of Applied Sciences.

4. Scholarships and Financial Aid Office

Abby Hammar, Program Coordinator in Bear Down Gym

Mark Rodriguez, Program Coordinator Bear Down Gym

- UA Merit Awards and Transfer Awards
 - 30 UA units needed in order to renew the scholarship each year. These units can come from courses taken in the fall, spring, winter, or summer.
 - Scholarship Appeals Committee welcomes advisors to volunteer to be on the committee. Contact Abby Hammar at hammarae@email.arizona.edu if you are interested.
 - Review applications from May through October. Deadline is the first day of the fall semester.
 - Two training sessions are available to attend. At the sessions, 25-30 applications are reviewed.

5. Library Resources

Rebecca Blakiston, Associate Librarian

- What do you currently use the library website for?
 - Show student assignment scheduler
 - Library chat
 - In classes to teach students how to identify scientific journals
- What do you like about the library/website and what do you find most useful for your students?
 - Citations are available for any book/article that the student needs to cite
 - Study rooms and quiet study areas for students
- Summon has been added to the library website
- Live librarian chat if students have questions
- More user-friendly search engine
- Ability to limit sources to UA sources instead of sources all around the world.
- Links students directly to complete article
- Technology checkout (cameras, laptops, projectors, etc.):
- Changing rental time from four hours to three days

6. Advising Resource Center

Roxie Catts, Director

- How can we take advising from a solid footing to an extraordinary footing? What does that look like? Also, how do we take best practices and share them across campus. Any suggestions you have I am open to hear them.
- The new CLEP policy was passed by Undergraduate Council.
- Conversations regarding withdrawal policies changes is still in the works.
- UPAC Guidelines for elections are attached to these notes
- ARC Website
- New polling tool and advisor assignment tables.

Reminders and Important Information

SAVE THE DATE: UPAC meeting: April 9, 2014 8:15 a.m., SUMC 411, Workshop Room

DID YOU KNOW: When you suspect a violation of the employee Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment policy, promptly notify the Office of Institutional Equity. The University's Ethics & Compliance Hotline allows for anonymous reports, 24-7: 866-364-1908.

READING RECOMMENDATION (but you don't have to take our word for it): *Smartest Kids in the World: And How They Got That Way*, by Amanda Ripley