

## UPAC Meeting Notes

April 12, 2017

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9:00-10:15 AM

- I. Welcome: Keri Bishop, UPAC Co-Chair
  
- II. New Department for Transfer Credit & Articulation: Nicole Kotak, Sr. Director, Transfer Curriculum & Transfer Student Center and Rachel Hamm, Assistant Director, Transfer Credit and Articulation, Office of Academic Affairs
  - The Office of Transfer Credit and Articulation has been developed to build the Transfer Credit Guide tool located here:  
<http://academicaffairs.arizona.edu/transfer-credits>
  - If students need a *direct equivalency* for a transfer course, they can go to this website and fill out the Course Equivalency or Credit Request form and it will be routed to faculty in the appropriate department.
  - Reverse transfer: <http://academicaffairs.arizona.edu/reverse-transfer> – it is a statewide initiative to increase degree completion. UA works mostly with Maricopa County community colleges and AWC. PCC has not signed on for reverse transfer.
  - The Transfer Credit Guide is created with TES (Transfer Evaluation System). Many advisors already have access to TES but if you are unable to access it, please contact Rachel Hamm to be set up as users.
  
- III. Veterans Resiliency Colloquium: Cody Nicholls, Assistant Dean of Students, Military and Veteran Engagement
  - SERV is offering a 1 unit Professional Resiliency Colloquium - AED 195B. Tuition is free for the first 50 newly enrolled veteran students who register. Newly enrolled veterans are veterans without a degree and newly enrolled within the last year.
  - Data shows that the course increases retention rates.
  - AED 195B will be offered Summer session 1 and fall 2017, beginning in October – to enroll, students should contact Dr. Marks: [docmmontana@gmail.com](mailto:docmmontana@gmail.com)
  - Warrior Scholar Project (WSP) – <http://vets.arizona.edu/university-arizona-partners-warrior-scholar-project>; <http://warrior-scholar.org/>
  - UA partners with WSP, open to any enlisted veterans in higher ed. They will be piloting a STEM component to determine if it increases retention.
  - Occurs June 11-24<sup>th</sup>, all expenses paid except travel. Curriculum includes 1 week of Humanities and 1 week of STEM. Cohort consists of 20-25 students, all fall 2017 admits. Deadline to apply is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  
- IV. Scholarship Appeals: Carmen Moreno, Financial Aid Counselor, Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
  - Scholarship Appeals Committee is seeking advisors to serve on committee. The committee will begin meeting in June. There will be a standard day and time of the week to meet. Training in May. It is a June to September commitment. Contact

Carmen Moreno if interested.

- Students submitting a scholarship appeal can download form off website: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-aid/scholarships/scholarship-appeal-policy-and-form>. The committee will review each case, discuss student's reasons for not meeting eligibility requirements and make decision. Priority deadline of July 1st guarantees decision before classes start in fall. Final deadline is the first Friday of the fall semester – August 25<sup>th</sup>.

V. New Online ISS Forms for Advisors: Noelle Sallaz, Associate Director, ISS/Office of Global Initiatives and Lara Pfaff, Coordinator, International Student Development Programs

- ISS is using UA International, an online portal to request, collect and manage student records.
- Student initiates request online and provides advisor contact information. This generates an email to the advisor to log in to UA International. When advisors log in, they will see all pending requests until the request is approved by ISS. Student gets email when advisor completes their part.
- Advisors should feel free to contact ISS directly if unsure about the request.
- ISS is moving to a paperless system but they may still need letters in the interim. They welcome advisor feedback about the new system - plan to send out a survey soon.

VI. UPAC Co-Chair Nominee Speeches

- An email has been sent from ARC with a link to vote for 2 new co-chairs to replace Kristen Geary and Keri Bishop. Deadline to vote is 5:00pm Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced at the May 10<sup>th</sup> UPAC Meeting.

VII. Advising Updates: Nicole Gonzalez, Advising Resource Center

- Save the date: May 16<sup>th</sup> Advisor Celebration! ARC will be recognizing advisors who have achieved Active UPAC Membership
- ARC is coordinating a Retention Academy over the summer to follow up to the Retention Summit earlier this year – look for emails about this
- Double check major and minor information on the ARC website – send updates to Nicole