

**UPAC Meeting Notes
9/10/14**

Dr. Carol Bender, Director of UBRP

UBRP: Undergraduate Biology Research Program

Goal: To provide broadest range of opportunities as possible and get as many students involved as possible

- Designed to teach students science by involving them in research
- Offer career related work experience in order to make informed career decisions
- Now in eight colleges on campus (Science, Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Public Health, Engineering, Agriculture, and Optical Sciences)

BRAVO! (Biomedical Research Abroad: Vistas Open)

Deadline: October 1st for next spring and December 1st for next summer

- Recognizing that there is a lot of research going on around campus, there are large amounts of international visitors. Students work side by side these people from different cultures and become more interested in the science aspect and the cultural aspect of these individuals
- In 1992, we made it possible for students to go abroad to get international research experience
- We have sent 230 students to 35 different countries
- Students must be:
 - Scientifically sophisticated
 - Must write proposal for the work that they will do abroad
 - Must present the proposal to a selection committee before going abroad
- Most students that apply get accepted if they complete the entire application process
- UBRP pays for all of students expenses while abroad

New program next year: Prozkoumat!

Deadline: October 6th

- A parasitology research experience in the Czech Republic
- Ten students will work at different parasitology laboratories around the University of South Bohemia for ten weeks over summer
- In order to apply students must be:
 - Under-represented in sciences
 - Student who are economically disadvantaged as defined by the feds
 - UA undergraduates at the time they participate (Students graduating in May 2015 are not eligible)
- Application is electronic and can be found here: <https://ubrp.arizona.edu/programs/prozkoumat/>
- After submitting the application, there is an interview. We hope to select those students by the third week in October so that they can enroll in the correct courses for spring 2015

Beckman Scholars Program

Deadline: January 28th

- \$26,000.00 scholarship for 15 month program (only 2 or 3 students per year)
- Students accepted to program will have leadership role in the UBRP program

Native American Cancer Prevention Program (NACP)

- It is a research experience in a laboratory that is studying how to reduce cancer health disparities in Native tribes

NSCS Summer Program (Neuroscience and Cognitive Science)

- 15 students accepted each year

Michelle McElvey, AZ Assurance

Requirements for AZ Assurance:

- Currently 1,300 funded scholars and 600 students who have lost funding but are still on campus

Each student has a form that needs to be signed by their advisor and returned to our office

- AZ assurance funding is only available for four years. Even if they have only one of two extra semesters, they will not be funded

Freshmen

- Meet with advisor once per semester
- Required to participate in first year transition course (peer mentoring program)
- Submit FAFSA by March 1st and any corrections by May 1st

Sophomores

- Meet with advisor once per semester
- Students can choose what they would like their option to be (internship, research, success class, peer mentor program part 2, blue chip trio, or a career services package)
- Students can change their option each semester

Juniors

- Meet with their advisor once per semester
- Again, students can choose their option (graduate school classes- if your college offers a grad school class, we will take your class and replace it with ours. Ours is focused on being a low income first generation student wanting to go onto grad school)

Seniors

- Hope they are on track for their degree check
- In the fall, they can participate in a job search workshop, financial workshop, or one of the other options listed above.
- **GPA Requirement: 2.0**
- Must complete 24 units per year. Take 15 per semester if possible, but must take at least 12. (Funding only covers fall and spring units)

Iris Budinoff and Theresa Couch, Bursars Question/Answer session

- Refunds have stopped as of September 5th- Anyone who has dropped below their required units will not receive a refund
- Unpaid tuition charge: \$125
- Those who increase units after September 15th will get a \$250 charge

Questions:

- If there is a bursar hold on their account, will it go away after they are put on the payment plan?
 - Must make first payment before hold is removed
- If the student is swapping a course and keeping their amount of units the same, they should not get charged the late drop fee if the drop/add happens on the same day. Contact Registrar's office to see if they will take that into consideration

Kate Gromatsky, Recruitment Programs, Office of Admissions: Prospective Students

Fall events to recruit freshmen students:

- **Senior evenings:** We invite Arizona high school seniors to an event in order to tell them what they need to do to apply to UA
 - We will feature different colleges at different senior evenings so that the students can talk to the colleges that they are interested in
- October 21st: Senior evening where all colleges are represented
- October 22nd: Honors College represented
- **Arizona Road Trip:** Program to invite high schools in Arizona to the UA for a four hour program once per month. For many students, it is their only opportunity to visit the UA
 - Dates: September 26th, October 17th, and November 19th

- Includes an introduction to the UA, campus tour, lunch, meeting with college representatives, and a Q&A session
- Students will be split into groups to learn about Degree Search
- **Arizona Experience:** October 10th and November 21st
 - Inviting over 700 students per program

Sydney Smith, Transfer Recruitment- Office of Admissions

Fall events for transfer students:

- **Saturday Transfer Roundup:** Gives students an idea about what it's like to be a student on the UA campus and helps prepare them for the admission process
 - Campus tour, presentation, and college representatives available to answer questions
- **Transfer Wildcat Express:** Same thing as Transfer Tuesdays.
 - We will be offering instant admission decisions when students bring their transcript on October 31st
 - Students need to submit their application three days prior to the event
- **Wildcat Wednesday:** Very similar to Transfer Wildcat Express
 - For students in Maricopa county who are very interested in attending the UA
 - Held on GCC campus on October 1st and October 15th on PVCC campus
 - We will not provide expedited/instant decision at these events

Jessica Kiesling UPAC Co-Chair, Developing Your Advising Mantra

Reading assignment before presentation can be found here:

<http://changethis.com/manifesto/117.04.Essentialism/pdf/117.04.Essentialism.pdf>

- **Ask yourself:** What do you like about your job, what would you like to change, and what is the priority for your position? After asking yourself these questions, you should be able to pick out what is most important to you about your particular position
- As you develop your mission statement, you should focus on what YOU can do to influence the outcome that you would like to see in your students and in your position

Tina Moore, Math Department (**Refer to attached document**)

Next Meeting: October 1st in the Agave Room