

UPAC Meeting Notes  
December 8, 2010

**General Announcements**

- No January UPAC meeting... see you in February!

**ARC Updates, Nancy Stiller**

- Travel grants are available for the NACADA Region 10 conference in Albuquerque (\$600 each, which should cover most of the cost of registration and travel). The application is available on the ARC Website at [http://advising.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/Funding%20App%20Region%20X%202010\\_0\\_0.pdf](http://advising.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/Funding%20App%20Region%20X%202010_0_0.pdf) Please submit the form in person, as the ARC fax machine is down.
- Nominations for Advisor Recognition Program being accepted now! Three categories are available: Professional Academic Advisor, Emerging Professional Advisor, and Faculty Advisor. See this link for more info: <http://advising.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/Excellence%20Awards%20Nomination%20Announcement%2010-11.pdf>.
- Please take a look at the “Forms and Processes” link on the ARC website and send any corrections to Nancy Stiller at [stillern@email.arizona.edu](mailto:stillern@email.arizona.edu)
- Update on the Academic Advising Task Force II (AATF II)
  - Foci are 1) Assessment of advising structure, 2) Barriers to graduation, and 3) Advisor compensation.
  - Recommendations have included having an academic advising program review every 7 years, identifying “bottleneck courses” (courses that are difficult for students to get into and are necessary for a student to make progress in their program), and addressing salary compensation for advisors (both salary compression and starting salaries).

**E-Advising , Shelley McGrath**

- This project centers around online tools to track student progress over the first two years, focusing on the sequence of students’ course work.
- It aims to help with prescriptive advising so that advisors can focus more on developmental advising
- Current Goals: develop an online degree search tool (more from a mentoring standpoint than simply providing a large list of majors) and partnering with Career Services on this; improve the course catalog and congruency; notify advisors when students are off-track in their program; examination of gateway/predictor courses (those that predict success or failure in a student’s program); primary purpose is to increase retention and persistence
- Full implementation time of project: approximately 1.5 years
- Input is welcome on four-year plans and the online degree search tool
- Tools will also help UA to gage course demand

- Shelley would like to know from advisors: What would a successful e-advising system look like?
- See attached handouts from Shelley for additional info.

### **Evening and Weekend Campus (EWC), Diana Rix**

- There is a new journalism major offered through the Evening and Weekend Campus! Other current majors offered are Communication, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Management and Policy, and History. Students in these majors are advised by the same major advisors as regular students, but Diana's office helps student to register for EWC courses.
- Note: EWC courses (sections 791, 792, and 793) are different from Outreach courses!
- Towards the end of the semester, seats remaining in EWC courses are returned to the home department to utilize as necessary.

### **New Student Orientation for Spring 2011, Rachel Beech and Stefanie Basij**

- Many messages are being sent to students in advance regarding necessary immunization records, ALEKS, etc.
- About 130 students will be coming for Spring 2011 orientation in January.
- There will be a new UAccess pilot session during orientation to help students learn how to navigate Student Center and one for parents for how to Guest Access.
- An online tutorial is currently being built for students.
- Students needing to provide proof of US residency are flagged and will be informed of this when they pick up their folders at the beginning of orientation.
- Orientation rosters are now in Analytics in the orientation dashboard.
- Preschedules can be found in Report Manager (along with some additional information). Usually College-level advising directors need access to Report Manager, but other advisors may need this information; if you are new and need a password for this system, contact Stefanie ([sbasij@email.arizona.edu](mailto:sbasij@email.arizona.edu)) or Rachel ([rabeech@email.arizona.edu](mailto:rabeech@email.arizona.edu)) directly.
- Plans for Summer 2011:
  - "Just in time" info for each program session
  - Still a two-day session; a one-day model may be implemented in Summer 2012
  - Important messages may be moved into the College Meeting (such as ALEKS). A document will be sent from the orientation office to colleges regarding list of topics to be covered.