

UPAC Meeting Notes
September 13, 2017
Marley 230
9:00-10:15 AM

Welcome: Sydney Donaldson

9:00 am to 9:20 am: Flagship Information Session - Genliscia Edwards, Arabic Special Programs Coordinator and Charles Joukhadr, Assistant to the Arabic Flagship Director

- This program is part of a national effort to change the way Americans learn languages.
- Arabic is one of the eight languages offered for Flagship programs.
- We are the 5th university to receive funding for an Arabic Flagship grant.
- This program offers intensive language and cultural instruction, along with a scholarship for an immersion program during a student's senior year.
- Students can obtain professional-level language proficiency and students will earn a certificate upon completion of the program.
- Each student has access to a tutor and language partner, free of charge.
- Students will also be able to attend Arabic cultural activities with the department and in the community. Usually once a month.
- Due to a small cohort size, students receive individualized learning, feedback, and advising.
- There is a required capstone in which students spend 1 year in Meknes, Morocco, with most expenses are covered by Flagship.
- There are several other funding sources to help cover expenses for the capstone year.
- There are opportunities available for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to join Flagship.
- Requirements for joining include:
 - Be a US citizen or permanent resident.
 - Be an undergrad enrolled at the UA.
 - Complete a program application and include one letter of recommendation from an academic instructor.
 - Demonstrate a commitment to reaching professional Arabic fluency
- The MENAS Department now offers a BA in Arabic. Contact Sarah Williams at sjw7@email.arizona.edu for more information.
- There is an Arabic Jumpstart program for high school juniors and seniors.
- Project Go is a fully funded program for ROTC students to gain professional Arabic fluency.

9:20 am to 9:30 am: Active UPAC Membership - UPAC co-chairs

- The reason for this initiative is to encourage professional develop and recognize your hard work throughout the academic year.

- Every advisors who meets the requirements will have a letter sent to their supervisor, signed by Gail Burd's office, explaining the time spent in professional development activities throughout the academic year; and they will be entered into a raffle for travel grants, gift cards, and other prizes at the year-end advising celebration.
- In order to achieve active membership, advisors must:
 - Attend 6 of the 10 UPAC meetings during the 2017-2018 academic year.
 - Participate in 4 professional development events during the 2017-2018 academic year. Events include:
 - Lunch & Learn
 - ARC Events
 - Academic Impressions online trainings and webinars
 - NACADA Events, national and regional
- To document your participation, be sure to sign in at the UPAC meetings and complete the online form (<https://goo.gl/forms/6NYtwbsT9IbtvhhF3>) for each professional development activity you attend.

9:30 am to 9:45 am: C.A.T.S. Academics Overview - Dr. Jennifer Mewes, Assistant Director, Sarah Howard, Academic Counselor, and Andy Salgado, Senior Academic Counselor

- C.A.T.S. Academics is made up of Academic Counselors and Learning Specialists.
- Each Academic Counselor is assigned to specific sports
- Each athlete is assigned to an Academic Counselor
- Learning Specialists work with smaller cohorts based on class level, high school background, and learning style.
- Academic Counselors and Learning Specialists work together to provide customized support for each student and their needs.
- Academic Counselors monitor NCAA eligibility and progress towards degree completion
- C.A.T.S. Academics also has tutors and mentors, which provide content specific support, study hall, supplemental instruction, and more.
- General requirements for NCAA eligibility include:
 - Must be enrolled in 12 units during the fall and spring semesters
 - Must have 24 degree applicable units before their 2nd year
 - Must have 18 additional units each academic year thereafter
 - Must have 6 degree applicable units each term, Football must earn 9 units during the fall semester
 - Declare a major before entering their third year (fifth semester)
- Double majors, double minors, and second degrees are not used to calculate eligibility for NCAA. Only the first major and program are used.
- Optional first minors can now be used to calculate eligibility for NCAA.
- Transfer students, who were non-NCAA qualifiers out of high school need the following:
 - 48 transferable units, 6 units of English, 3 units of math, and 3 units of science
 - 2.5 GPA minimum in their transfer coursework
 - Meets 40% of major requirements prior to 1st day of classes at the UA
- ADVIPS are used for eligibility, so we may be asked to fix ADVIPS as needed.

9:45 am to 9:55 am: UA Online Updates - Joshua Steele, Director Online Student Success and Heidi Hopkins, Senior Coordinator Academic Initiatives and Student Success

- They will be more 7.5 week courses offered to allow for more flexibility for working students.
- There are now 6 admissions cycles for UA Online
- As of date 78 students have graduated from UA online programs
- Most students are working professionals enrolled in 8.5 units per term
- The average student age is 30 years-old. The youngest is 17 and the oldest is 91.
- Students pay per unit based on program.
- Each student has a program specific advisor.
- Students can switch campuses an unlimited number of times. This still needs to be updated in the catalog.
- Students wanting to switch campuses should talk with a UA Online Advisor.
- The Office of Digital Learning offers support and help for making fully online courses.
- They usually work with programs that want to go fully online, rather than single courses besides general education and foundation courses.

9:55 am to 10:05 am: Registrar's Office and Second Start Updates: Beth Acree, Assistant Vice President Enrollment Management / Student Affairs & University Registrar

- For Fall 2016, 81 students applied for Second Start. Of those students 51 were approved and processed.
- Each semester students were evaluated based on units. If they had not reached the 12 units during the fall semester, they were evaluated again in the spring and summer.
- There were no specific trends for those approved and not approved.
- For Fall 2017, 89 students have applied for Second Start.
- See PowerPoint for a more thorough breakdown of the data.

10:05 am to 10:15 am: Advising Updates: Nicole Gonzales, Specialist, Advising Resource Center

- Brown Bags are now called Lunch & Learn.
- The next Lunch & Learn will be on Thursday, September 21st from noon to 1:00 pm in the Science and Engineering Library room 311. The topic is Math Positive Advising.

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