

UPAC Meeting Notes  
November 8, 2017  
Marley 230  
9:00-10:15 AM

Welcome: Marisa Lester

9:00 am to 9:10 am: **Degree Map Update:** Meredith Aronson, *Manager of Integrated Advising Analytics*

- Official launch pushed back to September 2018
  - Decision was made to ensure tool is as ready as possible
  - Continuing to meet with CIVITAS, still doing triage, actively working on problems. This work continues and will be in better shape when we push back the launch.
- Summer 2018: Advisors will have hands back on the tool and will be ready for advisor testing.
  - Timeline: May/June for developing advisors skills in the tool, and mid-September go live with student population
- Degree Map is available to you, so you can go in and check things out, see how things are working as the tool is being developed
- CIVITAS has gone live at other schools, which is a good thing. We'll see some innovation from other schools as we develop and implement Degree Map.
- Because of the change in Degree Map timeline, we are working harder to move the Advising Dashboard closer to early 2018

9:10 am to 9:30 am: **Immigrant Student Resource Center:** Matt Matera, *Coordinator, Immigrant Student Resource Center*

- Immigrant Student Resource Center (ISRC): works with undocumented and DACA students.
  - DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - gave undocumented youth who met certain qualifications the ability to have a work permit for two years as well as a stay of deportation.
  - 8,000 people ended up getting DACA work permits. Some went to school or went to work.
  - DACA has been rescinded. Cannot renew or apply. October 5th was the last day students could renew.
  - For current UA students who have DACA, students will start to fall out of status because there is no renewal process in place.
- UA DACA students who are here and have permits receive in state, residency tuition. ABOR passed law in 2015. DACA students do not receive scholarships from UA.
- Discussion about financial aid/FAFSA and undocumented status. Be mindful with communication to students and different situations.

- Discussion about work permits and academic requirement for internship completion. Some internships only accept US citizens or legal residents, so DACA students may need alternative options or special assistance in locating internships that will accept undocumented students.
  - How are we communicating to our students to help them feel supported while being mindful of work permit limitations?
- Students may not always tell advisors that they are DACA, so it is all about building trust with students. Communicating in a way that students feel included and supported despite their status.

9:30 am to 9:45 am: **Undergraduate Biology Research Program:** Carol Bender, *Director UBRP*, and Jennifer Cubeta, *Assistant Director UBRP*

- Undergraduate Biology Research Program (UBRP) is a research program where students choose a faculty mentor to work with, get paid wages to work, learn research, meet fellow undergraduate researchers, and become educated students in the conduct of research.
- Have a diversity of students in program – various majors, backgrounds, etc.
- Applications due Feb. 1st at 5pm for the Summer 2018 program
- Open to all majors, GPAs, year in school
  - Other research programs under the UBRP program may have different eligibility requirements and deadlines (Prozkoumat! Study Abroad in Czech Republic Deadline: November 27)

9:45 am to 9:55 am: **Professional and Technical Writing Certificate:** Ann Shivers-McNair, Rochelle Rodrigo, and Maribeth Slagle, *Department of English*

- tinyurl/ptwcertificate Professional and Technical Writing (PTW) Certificate
- Professional and technical writing is communicating complex information in a way that is easy to understand and useful
  - These are skills relevant to students in any major
- Certificate signals to potential employers that student has writing skills.
- Technical writing jobs are projected to grow by more than 20% over the next 7 years
- The requirements to PTW certificate is very lean. 4 courses, and can be flexible based on major requirements.

9:55 to 10:05: **Davis-Monthan Internship Opportunities:** Joy Hopper, *Chief, Force Development Davis-Monthan AFB*, and Cody Nicholls, *Assistant Dean of Students, Military and Veteran Engagement*

- Internship opportunities with Davis-Monthan are unpaid, but we are trying to get students to see the value of on the job work experience.
- Already established internship opportunities:
  - Airmen and Family Readiness -- help transitioning members find employment, financial counseling.

- Health and Wellness Center -- may be good for health-related majors
- Youth Center
- Resilience Center – may be good for psychology or education majors
- Emergency Management
- Civil Engineering opportunities
- Security Forces and Legal Offices
- Federal government has a program called Pathways. Within 2 years of graduating, students may apply for federal government opportunities. In federal service, many employees are scheduled to retire and there will be many vacancies. These internship programs will show students that work on base isn't scary or foreign and can be a pathway into federal service
- Contact Joy for information on internships: 228-0669

#### 10:05 - 10:10: **Advising Learning Communities**

- UPAC Announcing new program: Advising Learning Communities
  - New forum where advisors can come together to learn from each other.
  - The goal will be to create a stronger advising community and to give us a chance to have conversations about challenges, ideas, who is doing what, and to learn from each other and with each other.
- Save the date: December 18th 3-5pm to share ideas. Goal of this session is to come with an interest and come ready to share with some topics you are interested in discussing.
  - Come with times available to meet throughout the semester.
- We will have food!
- If you are interested in attending this planning session, please RSVP here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL9-a52vCrOJ5IBEHWmkm0s0VtyMhsDhAL7dJvXQqnm2Pwg/viewform>
- If anyone is interested in being an advising learning community leader, please indicate on the form.

#### 10:10 -10:15 am: **Advising Updates**, Advising Resource Center

- Second Start students who have been admitted for Spring 2018 – info available on Analytics.
  - 80% of students eligible for Second Start are coming into a different major.
  - On average students have 1.93 cum. GPA. Meet with them and make them aware of Second Start!
- ARC website is being updated. New design is driven by deep dive in analytics.
- Directory is more prominent. If you are not happy with the information that is on your minor, please send ASAP to Roxie any updates.
- Don't forget about active membership! Log your active membership activities here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSese0SXC\\_HJCiEau8ilGMJ-igy34gzalo7njwPmJArCK4AmYA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSese0SXC_HJCiEau8ilGMJ-igy34gzalo7njwPmJArCK4AmYA/viewform)

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