

UPAC Meeting Notes November 10, 2010

General Announcements

Welcome to Natalie Shue, new advisor in Engineering!

UPAC Co-Chairs for 2011 and 2012

Congratulations to our new UPAC Co-Chairs who will be starting their term in January 2011:

- Rebecca Safford (Advising Specialist, Center for Exploratory Students)
- Monique Whiting (Academic Advisor, Nutritional Sciences)!

UAccess Tips and Updates, by Teddy Lopez and Sarah Wieland

- Regarding the Transfer Credit Report, only credit listed as “posted” has officially been accepted by UA and can be used for exceptions.
- If you are looking for the term that a transfer course was taken, **DON’T GO BY THE DATE ON THE ADVISEMENT REPORT!** Go to Student Services Center → Student Center tab → Transfer Credit: Report (on drop down menu) to see the date. (The Mosaic team is working on getting the advisement report date to reflect the actual date the course was taken.)
- If you find old DARS substitutions still lurking on a student’s advisement report, you may contact Sarah, Teddy, Mike Alcorn, or your Graduation Services advisor to have them deleted.
- New feature! To make an advisement report for an old, non-active student (e.g. readmits) go to Academic Advisement → Request Advisement Report → Add a New Value tab → fill in the information and enter “NONAC” for the Report Type.
- An Academic History Report is the same thing as what advisors know as the Internal Transcript (Records and Enrollment → Transcripts → Request Transcript Report → Add a New Value tab → Transcript Type: “INTRN”). This is different from a student’s unofficial and official transcripts.
- Warning: Math placements may not show up on the Transfer Credit Report. (In fact, they’ll only show up if a student has other test credits, like UA foreign language or APs.) Hence, if you don’t find a student’s math placement here, you should also check the Academic History Report.
- The Academic History Report lists the following:
 - UA Foreign Language placement (under Test Credit heading)
 - UA ALEKS score (under Test Scores heading)
 - UA Math Milestone and English Placement (under Milestones heading)
- Please keep in mind that if you make an exception for a repeated course that is to be completed in the future (or is being completed this semester), the advisement report won’t pick it up until the final grade for the course is posted.

Please see the attached handout for additional information on UAccess tips.

A Quick Update from Tina Moore Regarding Math Placements

- Future course repeats for math courses must go through the math department, but historical ones can be taken care of by submitting the petition through the Registrar's Office (<http://registrar.arizona.edu/regtrans/program-plan-change-requests>).
- FYI: If students take the following courses in Fall 2011 or after, they will no longer be considered duplicate credit:
 - MATH 113 and MATH 124
 - MATH 112 and 120R
 - MATH 111 and 120R

Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Forms (Financial Aid), by Debbie Golden-Davis

- In the past, advisors have felt very uncomfortable filling out these forms, pressured to make a judgment call on the ability of a student to succeed or not.
- The Financial Aid Office would like to revise these forms in such a manner to help them have the necessary information to decide if a student will complete a program as expected.
- Advisor input, thus far:
 - Instead of asking if a student will be able to meet the 2.0 GPA requirement, perhaps we can list an A/B deficit, or state what GPA the student would need to obtain over the next two semesters to get a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
 - We can include input regarding the student's plans (e.g. "Johnny would need to get a 3.5 average semester GPA over the next two semesters in order to get a 2.000 GPA, but the minimum GPA needed for entrance to our major is 2.5. Hence, Johnny is considering changing his major to XYZ once he gets a 2.0.").
- Have more suggestions? Contact Debbi Golden-Davis at dgolden@email.arizona.edu.