

UPAC Meeting Notes October 10, 2007

General Announcements:

Rebecca Noreen, from the Study Abroad office, introduced herself and let the group know that she had brought flyers about the National Student Exchange program. Please contact her at rnoreen@email.arizona.edu for more information about the program.

Nominations for UPAC Co-Chair

Nominations are being accepted for a UPAC co-chair to replace Teddy Lopez. Nominations (including self-nominations) are being accepted through Oct. 24, 2007. Please e-mail Rebecca Mitchell if interested at rmitch@email.arizona.edu. Duties include planning the monthly meeting, planning workshops, and planning and participating in the yearly kick-off event. They meet once per month for a planning meeting and once per month for the UPAC meeting. This is a great professional development opportunity!

UAAC Update – Roxie Catts

Background: ARC provides administrative support to UAAC. It is an outcome of AATF. One representative from each college meets twice a month. There is always a student at the meetings.

Some of the issues that UAAC has been discussing this school year include:

- The AATF task force report came out in 2002. A sub-group has been looking at the 36 recommendations. That led to a proposal by the Provost for an academic advising program review. Each college will look at where they are. It will be a system of accountability. A letter about this was sent to the college deans and associate deans.
- UAAC met with representatives from CATS Academics. A new policy has been put into place. Each college will have one liaison to CATS Academics to serve student athletes. Advisors will make adjustments to the athletes' SAPRs.
- Two additional advising lines have become available. One is going to Physiology.
- UAAC met with Michele Norin, Interim CIO and Executive Director CCIT - UITS Admin. The first week of classes and the systems problems that occurred were discussed. One issue that was emphasized by UAAC representatives was how important it is for the systems to be up and working during peak advising times.
- Tier I talks: ARC sponsors these. There are videos from the past year on the ARC website. The next Tier I talk will be November 11 at 9:00 in SUMC 411, and will include Melissa Fitch talking about TRAD 104.

Yangtze International Study Abroad Program – Scott Bird

Students who attend this program in Nanjing, China, can study Chinese language, political science, international relations, international business, geography, and more. Companies want to hire students who have an understanding of Chinese culture along with some language skills.

Question: Do scholarships apply?

Answer: The fee waiver does not transfer to this program.

Comment: Students are disappointed that anthropology classes are not be offered anymore in this program.

Student Support Services Referral Program – Latricia Brand, Director for Student Support Services – TRIO Program

They serve students who are first generation students or have high financial needs or have a documented disability. If advisors refer students personally, TRIO will see that they get in. Upward Bound is part of TRIO at the pre-college level. Student Support Services and the McNair Achievement Program are the two college-level programs. They serve 250 students each year, from freshmen to seniors. The programs include FUSE, CARES, and Coffee Clutch.

Law School 23rd Annual Information Expo on Oct. 18 – Verlaine Walker

118 law school admission representatives will be there. The concern students often have about going to law school is that schools accept any major. No major is better than any other one. Instead, law schools look for demanding coursework and high GPA and LSAT scores. The Expo is helpful for students so that they can find out the requirements from many different schools in one place. There will also be an Admission Panel discussion on Oct. 18. Students can ask questions of five panel members. After the Expo there will be a financial aid workshop.

Pizza with a Professional on October 17th will feature a law careers panel.

Update on Changes in the Chemistry Department – Robin Rarick and Anne Padias

In the past the general chemistry classes were 103A and 104A (separate courses). The new class is 151 which is equivalent to 103A and 104A. The class will begin in spring 2008 and combine the lab with the lecture so it is one course. Students will have to pass the lab portion to pass the class. The lab time will be four hours and discussion time will disappear. T.A.s will have scripts for what they should be doing and when they should be doing it. They are thinking about doing common exams during the semester so that all students will get the same exam at the same time.

CHEM 103 and 104 will be available until summer 2008, and they will shadow it as long as it takes. Next fall CHEM151 and 152 will be available.

Question: Will the Honors Chemistry be changed?

Answer: They will offer CHEM 106a for the CHEM 105a honors students.

In-Service – Zach Nicolazzo, Violence Prevention Specialist, Oasis Program for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence

They are part of Campus Health in Health Promotions.

What does a survivor of sexual assault and relationship violence look like? (Suggestions from UPAC attendees):

- Suspicious
- Withdrawn
- Angry
- Tired
- Ashamed
- Male or female
- Can look like anyone

The key is they can look like anyone else.

On October 16, the first “Men Against Violence” meeting will be held from 12 pm – 1 pm in Campus Health, Rm. D301.

Responding to Disclosures (The Three Ts)

1. Tell the student it is not his or her fault
2. Tell the student you believe him or her
3. Talk to students about his or her options (medical, emotional, and legal)

Question: Do advisors have to report incidents.

Answer: No

Question: If a student feels he or she is being victimized, can they go in for free help:

Answer: Yes

Question: Do you keep a list of people who are identified as assailants?

Answer: No, reporting is confidential.