

UPAC Meeting Notes
February 13, 2008

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no March meeting. An advising in-service will take place instead on March 12th.

WRITING SKILLS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Andrea Hernandez Holm

This is a presidentially appointed program. It is designed to provide assistance to undergraduate and graduate students. The tutorial services are the primary program and the primary population of users is minority students and students receiving need-based financial aid. The staff consists of people with masters degrees or higher. They help with anything from the development of theses and outlines and all the way to the final draft. Elements such as punctuation, grammar, and the development of ideas are covered.

Another component of the Writing Skills Improvement Program is a weekly writing workshop that is open to the whole UA community. No registration is needed for these workshops.

There are two summer programs offered. The Summer Institute for High School Students and Teachers allows students and teachers to share their writing in both small and large groups. The Graduate Writing Institute assists graduate students with writing anything from research papers to theses and dissertations.

All programs are free of charge.

More information about all of the services offered can be found on the website:

<http://wsip.web.arizona.edu/>

Questions:

-Are lower income and minority students the only students who are eligible for these services?

No, they will work with any student as long as there is time and space available.

-What is the selection process for the summer programs?

Applicants for the Summer Institute submit an application that includes a brief writing sample and a letter of recommendation. Graduate students fill out an application.

MATH UPDATE – Tina Schuster

-MRT is offered on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:00 in Old Main Rm. 223.

-They will be looking at changing the four unit College Algebra course to three units.

Questions:

For students who want to GRO it, will a four unit course be in place for a while?

-Yes

Will a three unit course fulfill requirements for statistics, MTH 160 and 263?

-Any College Algebra course will fulfill requirements

-Sociology has added 109 to their SAPR. MTH 109 substitutes for 110 unless the home college says no or has a pre-requisite for pre-calculus. Colleges can contact Mike in DARS to add MTH 109 to their SAPR, but it might be wise to wait and see what will happen.

-There is an online form for approving summer math courses. Students should have something in writing to ask them to fill out the online form.

-The time slot during Orientation has been changed. It is now part of the Day 1 rotation from 3 pm to 6 pm.

-PHIL 110/MTH 92 is not a math issue. The Gen. Ed. Committee approved removing it from the general strand. If students take Pima Phil 120, they transfer it here and are blocked from graduating.

Update from Roxie Catts on this issue: If a student has gone to Pima, taken the equivalent course, but does not have an MRT test score, they will have to file a petition. However, the petitions are being accepted and put through.

MARKETING MINOR – Kim Nelson

This program has been offered at the Eller College of Management for the past two summers. It is 18 units, it is only offered in the summer. Two classes of it can be taken during the regular school year. More information can be found on the website:

<http://marketing.eller.arizona.edu/minor>

Questions:

How many people will they accept?

-Up to 45

Is there an application deadline?

-No, they take applicants all year until they are full.

Are there predictors for success?

-Usually successful students are those who do well in the pre-requisite classes (BNAD 303, Intro to Marketing, and ECON or ACCT), have good communication skills and a strong personal interest in marketing.

IN-SERVICE ON CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE – Esther Cuellar

If a student is at full time status at the UA, there is no need to do a consortium agreement. Scholarship students cannot do one. Students can access the consortium agreement online and instructions will walk them through it.

There are temporary loan funds available for consortium agreements only.

Questions:

If a private donor gives scholarship money and he doesn't care if consortium agreements are done, is that okay with the Financial Aid Office?

-The Financial Aid Office needs proof from the donor that consortiums are okay.

What are the deadlines?

-It depends on whether the students are residents or non-residents

If a student takes nine units in the spring and three the prior winter, is that considered full time?

-For financial aid it is; for scholarships it is not.