

UPAC Meeting Notes April 9, 2008

General Announcements

Financial Aid: Six units in pre-session will be eligible for aid. Students need to turn in their forms by June 11th.

August and December grads must have their degree check status entered in SIS. They can also have it in writing from their advisors.

Read the April 2008 “Connected” newsletter article about PeopleSoft and view the online demo. Contact Rebecca Mitchell for log-in information.

Academic Advising Program Review (AAPR) Update – Roxie Catts

Each college did self-assessments for this campus-wide academic advising program review. Those have been given to the Provost and the review team.

There are three components to the process:

- Self-assessments by colleges
- Campus-wide student survey (which went out to all students)
- Review team from NACADA coming April 23-25. The team consists of Dr. Charlie Nutt, Dr. Eric White, and Dr. Nancy King.

The review team will meet with each college.

After the visit a report will be issued by the team and it will be made public. If there are questions or comments, call or e-mail Roxie Catts.

Overview of Chicano/Hispano Student Affairs – Socorro Carrizosa, Director

They have been at the UA for 17 years. Prior to the establishment of the Centers the only retention/outreach program for minorities or any student who qualified for financial aid based on need was New Start. CHSA’s primary goal is retention. They ensure that students are aware of all the services on campus.

The staff at Chicano/Hispano Student Affairs consists of Socorro Carrizosa, Janet Rico Uhrig and Ben Mills, Juan Godoy, and Oscar Angulo.

Janet is Teaching a Success Express three unit class in the fall and spring. Two – three sections of the class will be taught in the next academic year.

The retention rate of students in the Hispanic Alumni Scholars program, which partners with CHSA, is over 90% for Chicano/Hispano scholars.

The CHSA Graduation Convocation is on May 14th at 4:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall.

Question:

-What is the eligibility criteria for the Hispanic Alumni Scholarship?

http://www.uagrad.org/uaha/documents/uaha_scholarship_2007-2008.pdf

Incoming freshmen have to take the Success Express class. They must have a 2.8 minimum GPA to renew the scholarship.

Study Abroad Information and Updates – Laura Thornes, Assistant Director and Rebecca Noreen, NSE Coordinator

The UA Office of Study Abroad and Student Exchange (SASE) has had a five percent to eight percent growth each year. They would really like students to realize they have opportunities for everyone. There are approximately 150 exchanges, faculty-led and affiliate program opportunities for students administrated by the Office of Study Abroad and Student Exchange. There are transfer credit and direct credit programs. The direct credit classes are taught by UA faculty.

It can be difficult to determine if credit is upper or lower division. If an advisor is unsure, he or she should call SASE.

They have developed forms that are more basic because students were having trouble understanding the old forms. The forms were created so that advisors would be aware if the program is a UA direct or transfer credit program vs. a non-UA study abroad program.

There are scholarships that go unused. There is a list on the Study Abroad website (www.studyabroad.arizona.edu).

Questions:

-Students might come to their advisor with no information on whether the course is upper or lower division?

Yes, but the Study Abroad office can do some research and find out.

-Can you help with units in terms of how they come back to advisors?

Yes, for instance Europe uses different numbers of units for courses.

-Sometimes exchange students come to the UA in August and can't get classes. Does this happen to UA students abroad?

It varies from country to country.

-Is the 18 of the final 30 rule impacted?

If the program is a transfer credit program, students are advised to pay attention to their graduation requirements as they are preparing to study abroad.

In-Service: Math Updates – Tina Schuster

They are updating the math placement pages on their website (which is linked with the ARC's website).

They are hoping to offer at least as many seats as they did last fall, but maybe not additional seats. Math 105, 160 and College Algebra will likely be reduced.

Reminder: The Math Department does not set math requirements for any major. That is done by each department. They evaluate transfer courses.

Pima Math 122 will continue to be an elective credit course through the fall. During summer orientation Pima will continue to offer their placement tests and get students enrolled in Pima Math 092 and 122.

Math advising is from 3 pm to 6 pm on day one of orientation. Eller will be providing an advisor to help and they welcome anyone that wants to help.

Regarding AP credit: Students who took AP math exams fill out a questionnaire on the online tour. An e-mail is sent to them with information on how credit is awarded. It is the students' responsibility to change their fall schedule when they know if they got AP credit. Tina can send a list of who these students are to advisors but she tries to contact the students if they are in the wrong class.

Duplicate credit: They get a lot of students who have high school dual enrollment. Math 113, 124, and 125 are considered duplicate credit courses. Whatever they take first gets awarded the credit. Contact Mike Alcorn with DARS if this happens and they can switch courses on the SAPR.

New General Strand Math Option: Students who enter with a certain placement level (have a code 250 or placed high enough on the ACT or SAT) are not necessarily College Algebra proficient. They have satisfied their G strand math requirement. This will be in place by fall 2008 hopefully.

Other

Teddy Lopez was recognized at this meeting for her two years of service as a former UPAC co-chair.