

**University Advisors' Network**  
**Wednesday, October 19th**  
**9:30-11:00am**

Attendees: Valeria Bates, Sam Beals, Marcus Bell, Jane Bouknight, Rachel Bradley, Bill Brown, Della Bryant, Brandi Byers, Dawn Campbell, Kelly DeShazo, Mike Dial, Michaela Donahue, Nora Dragovic, Brian Dusel, Amanda Finnen, Teresa Florentin, Marci Heidt, Dawn Hiller, Shamauri Jenkins, Deanie Kane, Lane Kennedy, Lauren Kozlik, Alison Leach Hughes, Xinfeng Liu, Laken Long, Melissa Lowe, Keith Martin, Kaitlyn McCanna-Doty, Jessica McCartha, Jacqueline McClary, Sabrina McClure, Kelsey McGarrigan, Caleb Morris, Alexis Mynio, Jay Pou, Claire Robinson, Sam Schmoker, Amanda Shores, Sonya Singleton, Catherine Studemeyer, Nancy Tolson, Donna Watson, Josh Weakland, Vivianna Williams,

**Welcome and [approval of September minutes](#)**

**Claire Robinson**  
**Heidi Waltz**

- Minutes approved
- 20 advisors have recognized their advisors of those 22 students recognized and 12 supervisors recognized

**National Fellowships [website link](#)**

**Heidi Bretz**

- Located in Honors college but work with all students.
- Fellowships nationally competitive, merit based, can do many different things
- Funding from outside the university
- Jen Bess (director), Heidi Bretz (international awards), Matt Klopfenstein (graduate school focus)
- Identify and apply for external funding to pursue incredible opportunities like research, study abroad, and public service
- Do several types of outreach with the students
- Students and recent alumni need to have: solid academics particularly in their area of focus, leadership experience, resilience and follow-through in the face of obstacles, unique perspectives on the worlds' biggest problems, and intellectual curiosity and drive to make an impact
- Applying for fellowships helps students: clarify their goals, articulate their academic, personal, and professional identity, develop materials that can be adapted for graduate school and job applications, build campus and community networks, individual guidance from faculty, and possibility to get funding to do cool things
- How can we help – tell students, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in DeSausure room 328; direct advisees to our website. Refer students to our team (only on their website), sign up for the candidate newsletter, and share events and promotions
- Referral form is under the Faculty and Staff Toolbox on the website
- Students direct them to the Getting Started page to explore the list of available awards
- Make an appointment is on EAB under Involvement and Engagement 0000000

## **Entrepreneurship Minor and Advising website link**

**Katherine Swartz  
Jillian Bigony**

- Katherine is housed in the McNair Entrepreneur Institute; Dirk Brown is the Faculty Principal of the Entrepreneurship living and learning community
- Minor is housed in the School of Music
- Jillian Bigony is the contact person if you have questions about the minor
- 71 women::100 male entrepreneurs
- SC is leading the way in entrepreneurship
- US id ranked #1 place to start a business
- 12% of the 2022 college grads run their own businesses; another 43% plan to follow suit
- 70% of new college grads would prefer to start own business
- They are partnership and alliance focused – Entrepreneurship Harmonizing Council, Kennedy Pharmacy Innovation Center, Gamecock Entertainment, Housing, New Student Orientation, Faver Entrepreneurship
- What we offer: the 4 Cs – Courses; conferences, competitions, and events; coaching; community
- They are young opened in 2018
- In 2019 served 522 students over four years
- Leading partner in SC Innovate
- Step by step guide for the minor
  - No application or consultation required
  - Plan your minor road map with support from your advisor, the McNair Institute and the School of Music
  - Introducing Entrepreneurship Course Options: ENTR 201, MGMT 472, MUSC 580
  - Finance Basics Options: ENTR 301, ACCT 222, JOUR 499, MUSC 582
  - Applied Entrepreneurship Options: ENTR 401, MGMT 473
  - Choose 3 electives from 55 pre-approved options, Honors, and Special Topics considered
  - There are some pre-requisites
  - No overlap of courses with the major courses
- Jillian is here to answer advising questions about the courses or how to make it more readily available to the students
- Upcoming courses: ENTR 201 WinterMester, Spring 23 and Summer 23; ENTR 301 Spring 23 and Summer 23; ENTR 401 Spring 23 and Summer 23; Minor can be completed in a summer
- Asked about the restrictions on the Business courses had been set up by the Registrar’s Office – they are working on that
- Some of the courses will be on the delayed release for registration
- Difference between the BADM minor and this minor – flexibility of courses. This minor allows students to diversify their course work along with taking the business courses. It is based on what the student wants to do.
- The team – Breanna Spaulding, Community Manager; Dr. Dirk Brown, Faculty Director; Kristina Hooks, Partnerships and Administration

- Contact information - 803-879-5673 text, 803-777-1717 office, mcnairinstitute@mailbox.sc.edu

### **DEIA in Advising, Diversity Statement**

- Review and UAN vote
- DEIA UAN Sub-Committee established October 2021
- Charge was to develop a Diversity Statement
  - Draft sent to UAN May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Shared with UAN at September 2022 meeting
- Motion and vote – motion to adopt the attached statement as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement representing the Advising Community at the UofSC
- Statement was adopted by the UAN members

### **Hardship Withdrawal website link**

**Kelsey McGarrigan  
Josh Weakland**

- Kelsey is the coordinator and located in Patterson Hall
- It is not guaranteed to be approved. Committee makes the decision and look at many factors. Criteria is on the website for the hardship withdrawal process.
- Hardship occurs during the WF period of a semester or a previous period. During the WF period can apply for a hardship withdrawal, will have a decision before the end of the semester. The student will have to go through the process rather quickly. Previous semester, they have up to 2 years to withdraw from a semester.
- Outside of the 2years, do have the ability to review but it is highly unlikely to move forward.
- Up to 2 years to apply for a hardship withdrawal
- Takes 45-60 days for the student to go through the process. Students have to complete application and then to provide the documentation
- Committee meets once a month
- Tuition refund – if hardship withdrawal is approved, tuition refund is a separate process.
- Tuition refund is full withdrawal. Not connected to Hardship Withdrawal
- No special notation on the transcript. It will reflect a W.
- Have option for applying for partial due to very exceptional circumstances and cannot be academic rigor and difficulty.
- Columbia undergrad students only can apply
- Committee does have medical and mental professionals
- Students must meet with Josh to discuss the hardship process and prevent the snowball effect for the next semester. Create a plan for the student and connect with folks on campus to help the student
- If a student mentions they plan to withdraw from the university, please have the m complete withdrawal inquiry form.

### **General Advising Updates**

- New class search website – classes.sc.edu

- It is now added to self service under student -advisement planning- enhanced class search

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