

University Advisors' Network
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Capstone Campus Room
9:30-11:00am,

Attendees: Kay Banks, Valeria Bates, Jackie Bonilla, Pam Bowers, Rebecca Boyd, Rachel Bradley, Caitlyn Brockington, Jillian Carey Bigony, Rachel Denmark, Michael Dial, Brian Dusel, Lauren Epps, Pinkney Epps, Amber Fallucca, Meghan Fields, Teresa Florentin, Gwen Geidel, Dawn Hiller, Sarah Jusiewicz, Loren Knapp, Helen Le, Leah Lindsey, Melissa Lowe, Amanda Lucas, Aaron Marterer, Jessica McCartha, Sara McConville, Paige McKeown, Tyler McNamara, Meredith McNeice, Bethany Naser, T'Kara Richardson, Rochelle Robinson, Lauren Sanborn, Chinell Singletary, Jan Smoak, Catherine Studemeyer, Amanda Therrell, Jenn Tilford, Nancy Tolson, Heidi Waltz, Donna Watson, Terry Weik, Jeff Wilson

Welcome & Approval of May minutes

Loren Knapp

Study Abroad

Chrissie Faupel

- Number of study abroad students for Fall 2019 - 57 CAS, 17 Public Health, 0 Education, 2 Engineering, 13 HRSM, 8 Information and Science, 0 Nursing, 0 Social Work, 87 DMSB, 39 SCHC
- Decrease of 12% overall of students going abroad
- Office starting a new process - workshops –
 - Monday - 10 Money Matters
2 Study Abroad 101
 - Tuesday – 10:30 Top Destination (Spain)
3 Study Abroad 101
 - Wednesday - 10 Top Destination (Italy)
3 Study Abroad 101
 - Thursday – 10:30 Study Abroad 101
3 Program Selection and Application Process
 - Friday – 10:30 Study Abroad 101
3 Peace Corps prep program
- Students are required to attend one of these then have an appointment
- All of this is on the website
- All of the workshops are open to all
- Study abroad 101 for advisors – Sept 20 at 11am - webinar
https://webconnect.sc.edu/study_abroad101/
- International opportunities for advisors – Oct 18 at 11 am - webinar
<https://webconnect.sc.edu/internationalopportunities/>
- Global UofSC in Ireland Spring 2020 - open to all but freshmen are given preference;
Location Cork or Maynooth
Cohort themes – Food and Cuisine
Art and Culture
Sport
Integrated with Carolina core

Regular deadline Oct 1

Interest meeting Sept 20 at 12pm

Program ran through API

- Discussion of the program in study abroad office noon tomorrow with free pizza
- Study abroad fair tomorrow; 11-4 RH ballroom.
- How do you get the parents involved? Start talking at new student orientation; they were of the mind that students were the ones to speak with then realized we cannot ignore parents; invite parents to predeparture meeting and there is a webinar for the parents; sometimes meet with parents
- May have 2 meeting in the department - Unofficial advising happening then the true form comes through; letter of intent- partner companies need form signed which the study abroad office handles
- Asked if anyone checks the course availability because on a few occasions students have put down classes for the wrong semester -- will not go in and check to make sure that the courses chosen are from the intended semester
- Faculty from other programs reach out to the department about a field school experience; should they reach out to whom? Steer them to SA office of approved lists of courses
- Semester at sea must be petitioned to use must link it to their program of study
- Programs not technically approved but a great program called Sea Semester petitioned and approved by their office
- Team is a new provider with unique locations at a good cost
- List of approved companies – on website – located in steps to study abroad and has a searchable table by program name
- Also, they have a one sheet of all companies listed that they can send to the listserv
- Transcript abyss and the posting of the transcript sent to SA then to the registrar; expect 2-3 months for posting; SA can check to see where the transcript is in the system.
- Can we be notified when the transcript has been received?
- Cola 391- international internship – can provide a course with a number then know what the student is going to do
- Rachel Mills – processes all the transcripts for Study Abroad office
- Can SA put a note in navigate when transcript received? Chrissie feels that should be something they can do
- Transcript says TRANSFER with 0 credit – waiting on subject matter expert and that is a placeholder
- Credit conversion guide on registrar's website

Orientation Recap

Bethany Naser

- We saw 6400 freshmen May and August; 1900 transfer students May and August
- 461 increase over last summer
- Transfer consistent increase in parents and guests attending orientation
- Feedback evaluations for freshmen and transfer
- Overall questions on survey show that we are doing good
- We are maintaining good results
- Can see your specific college results contact Jackie

- Freshmen numbers are always better than transfer numbers
- Special populations – IAP student and Gamecock Gateway - no changes on how we are handling them
- New population this summer- Palmetto Pathways – was students coming through USC Lancaster and then next summer will be in orientation as transfer students – 54 students were in the program
- Another new program – a full track for veteran students; with unique information for that population will continue
- Orientation leaders – were trained more on your college; anticipate handling this the same way
- There is an orientation survey about how things went this summer that closes October 1st
- January orientation – reservations will open first week of November at noon Nov 4th
- January dates will be 8 (transfer), 9 (freshman), and 10 (transfer)
- In the past, the transfer days were split between the colleges. It is proposed that all colleges see students on all 3 days.
- Last year, we had approximately 200 at each date for transfers and about 50 freshmen
- Next summer orientation – tentative dates coming out Nov. 1st
- Additional freshmen session will probably be early in the summer
- Orientation Leader recruitment application on Sept 30th
- Will send out material for the colleges to send out to the students due Nov 4th
- Question of OL Dress code asked - appropriate length clothing if problem call Bethany and she will discuss it
- If the session cap is full, then it filters to the college to see if it is full. Orientation reaches out to the college to see if they can accommodate
- We were the found by US News and World Report to be the best first year experience
- If you play a part in the summer orientation experience – Thank You

Quick overview by the numbers

Paige McKeown

- 7978 total number advised
- 4848 worksheets uploaded
- 1926 watched pre-orientation videos
- Major change reporting and adjusting to the online form
- 440 individual major changes occurred in the time between student checking in on day one of orientation and 10am on day 2
- 417 unique student – 23 students made 2 major changes during their orientation session
- 1917 students changed their major as reported by admissions using the online form – this over the course of the entire summer and does not reflect whether the student changed before, during or after their session

Fall enrollment statistics

- 8261 total freshman and transfer enrolled - 6282 freshmen 1874 transfer and readmit
- Less than 2% of all new students enrolled in less than 12 credit hours less than .1% of new freshmen
- 11% enrolled in 12-14 hours
- 87% enrolled in 15 or more hours

- .35% enrolled in more than 18 hours

College Change of Major Form

Discussion

- Facilitated by Donna Watson and Rachel Bradley
- Change of college form athletics, music, ACM signature on the form
- College of Education still uses it
- Lean committee from 2018- eliminated the form and established the terms of agreement but the Registrar has not set it up yet.
- UAC. College of Arts and Sciences, HRSM, Engineering, and Athletics are not using the form.
- College of Education, School of Music are using the form for every student
- Form is no longer online
- Athletics found that it was not a good thing because everybody does not use it and would make it difficult to explain to NCAA
- Megan says it is confusing about ACM to the student; she is notified when it is taking place; sees a pending change and calls the advisor. She sends an email to the student outline the ramifications of leaving the major
- Will not vote on it until next month to look into the Terms of Agreement from the registrar office

Academic Common Market

Megan Fields

- ACM is a tuition program which grants students from the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) states such as Georgia, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, etc.
- Student must submit an ACM application to their state and UofSC ACM office
- In August, ACM notified that Delaware, Georgia, and Maryland had removed ACM program eligibility for a number of programs.
- State ACM offices reviewed and removed ACM eligible programs found to be 51% or greater similar to those offered at public institutions in their state.
- This review happens annually in most states.
- Students must do the following to remain eligible for the ACM tuition reduction:
 - Remain in their specific ACM approved major and concentration (listed on the ACM Certification of Eligibility)
 - Maintain full and continuous enrollment (fall and spring only)
 - Declare only dual and double majors that are ACM eligible for your state of residence
 - Maintain good academic standing
- Delaware has a May 15 deadline
- Maryland has a June 15 deadline
- Georgia could apply at any point
- Policies for current students are grandfathered
- Approved for a major change to a non-ACM major effective current semester will owe back the money
- ACM has to notify financial aid when a student leaves ACM

- Students have to be fully and continuously enrolled – CAVEAT – internships, study abroad, online courses through Columbia, winter term is fine, summer enrollment
- More caveats are listed on the website
- If the student is following any of the CAVEATS, the student must submit something in writing to ensure they are not dropped from their ACM.

Other Announcements

- Social on Friday at Dodie Athletic Cafeteria from 330 – 5
- Reminder to fill out the UAN survey
- Want to be added to the UAN listserv – go to the UAC website toolbox
- SHCC advising starting Sept 23 seniors, freshmen on Nov. 3 and registering students
- Honors Advisors are completing SEP Plans for only first and second year students. All students no matter the year will have an Advisement Form uploaded in Navigate
- Most arts classes will be 4 credits starting Fall 2020, DW is confused by it all 200-400 level ARTS 260 is staying 3 and the 100 level are staying 3 credits.
- Cognate in ARTS will be 3 classes
- OSP will begin advising before fall break and use the major maps

Adjourn

Next Meetings

Oct. 23rd

Nov. 20th

Dec. 18th