

University Advisors Network
September 15, 2021
9:30-11:00am

Join via TEAMS: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Attendees: Patricia Armstrong, Sam Beals, Marcus Bell, Jillian Bigony, Jane Bouknight, Rebecca Boyd, Pam Bowers, Rachel Bradley, Allison Brillhart, Avette Brown, Lakesha Campbell, Alexa Dean, Mike Dial, Nora Dragovic, Brian Dusel, Megan Ellison, Lauren Epps, Pinkney Epps, Nora Dragovic, Teresa Floretin, Chris Hallum, Dawn Hiller, Rebecca Keilty, Lauren Kozlik, Janis Leaphart, Timothy Lewis, Brandon Lindsey, Laken Long, Amanda Lucas, Alan Marsee, Jessica McCartha, Sabrina McClure, Paige McKeown, Tyler McNamara, Nicole Montgomery, Caleb Morris, Alexis Mynio, Bethany Naser, Jeff Persels, Andrew Rajca, Lauren Sanborn, Kaylie Scanlon, Sam Schmoker, Jan Smoak, Megan Stanley Myers, Kathy Smiling, Catherine Studemeyer, Jenn Tilford, Sandra Varney, Tameria Warren, Josh Weakland, Alexandra Weaver, Lourie White, Trudie Wierst, Jeff Wilson, Li Zhenlong, Amanda Ziegler, Lori Ziolkowski,

Welcome and approval of May UAN minutes

Kathy Smiling
Claire Robinson

- Thanked all who are attending the meeting
- Remind you that we have a robust website with committee charge, resources, and meeting minutes along with the listserv
- Do have sub committees and their minutes are there.
- Kathy and Claire are the co-chairs
- Website has a member roster for all the different advising units
- Advocacy for advising
- It is open to all advisors on campus
- Also on the site are the dates for the meeting. Will be offering in person and on Teams moving forward
- Our drop in this year will be a grand opening for the new office suite Friday, 9/17, from 11-1.

Meeting Types

Claire Robinson
Kathy Smiling

- Logistical items follow up on email that went out on first day of class. How to use a new feature in EAB/Navigate
- Offers the student the choice of having an in person or online meeting
- HRSM advising plan – 1 – in person days – each advisor assigned designate day for in person advising; 2- locations – classrooms and conference room technology social distancing and sanitation station; 3- EAB campaign – availability special instructions messaging text reminders
- University advisors will only do F2F, 2 advisors will do F2F each day. Major advisors will be seeing advisees in their office
- Most of the students are asking for virtual those that did come in F2F are not having a problem.

Admissions update

Teresa Florentin

- 42000+ applied as freshmen (increase of 21%); 25847 admitted; 6150 enrolled; 23% underrepresented minority freshmen; 60% female and 40% male; 17% first generation freshmen; 51% in state and 49% out of state
- 596 SCHC, 1400 Capstone; 300 in Gamecock Gateway and other
- Freshman Profile – SC resident admits (middle 50%) 4.1-4.7 hg gpa,
- Test optional policy – approved for 2022 team
- Student indicates if want SAT/ACT scores considered in admission process
- Submitted scores are super scored
- Chosen testing plan used in all review instances
- Any changes to testing plan must be done by credentials deadline
- Choosing a testing plan – standardized test scores middle 50% -
 - SC residents 1110-1300 SAT; 23-30 ACT;
 - nonresidents 1250-1380 SAT, 28-32 ACT
 - Capstone 1340-1420 SAT; 29-32 ACT
 - SCHC 1430-1520 SAT; 32-34 ACT
- Important dates
 - Early action – Oct 15 application deadline; Nov 1 credential deadline; mid-December – decision/ notification releases.
 - honors and top scholars – Nov. 15 application deadline, Dec 1 – credential deadline, mid-Feb SCHC decisions released.
 - Regular Decision – Dec 1 application deadline, Jan 15 – credential deadline; mid-March decisions released.
- Fall 2021 transfer
 - 3000 applications down 5%; admitted a little over 2000 and it was down by 6.5 %
- New in admissions – approved and effective for the spring 2022 term if they do not meet gpa requirement for their major and have coursework older than 4 years may be eligible to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis; readmits moving the petition process into Slate; working with a returning student who hasn't submitted a readmit application and the deadline has passed or who isn't sure if they need to reapply? Let me know!
- With test optional, had been asking for supplemental material and they have discontinued it.
- We had 3 application forms this year and next year we are using 2 apps – USC application and Common Application
- Registration Holds – not turned in final work (transcript) to finalize their record. They put a hold on the student's account.
- Being strategic about when to put the holds on the record
- If there is a hold on the student and they begin to panic, please call Teresa to discuss the issue.

Orientation recap and summer advising

Orientation recap

Bethany Naser

- Thanked all advisors for their flexibility during orientation
- Preliminary numbers in person 41 days of orientation

- 12949 students or families
 - 6222 freshmen students and 4987 families.
 - 1360 transfer student and 380 families
- 2021 successes – successful adaption to a one time only concurrent session model
- Scheduling of individual advising appointments of all new students and families
- Assessment DATA - 96.7% of freshmen students felt prepared at attend USC after attending Orientation
- **January Orientation** – current plan to be in person
 - Wednesday, January 5 (hold this date)
 - Thursday, January 6
 - Friday, January 7
- November 15 – registration launch (VZ opens)
- Friday, October 29 – college caps due
- Mid-October – more details about schedule, college roles, etc, sent via email
- Summer 2022
 - Schedule will be closer to 2019 than 2021
 - Flexibility and adaptability is key
 - Working w/UAC to develop College’s role/responsibility
 - Goal: dates announced by December 2021

Summer advisement

Mike Dial

- Pre orientation worksheets submitted - 6477
- Over 2000 students interested in graduating early over 80 majors
- Biology, nursing, psychology were the top 3 majors of interest for graduating early
- 10% submitted close of appointment surveys CAS had the highest of 231 and DMSC had second highest.
- Freshmen advised by UAA is at 53% and in college 47%
- Transfer college 53% and by UAA 47%
- Overall students surveyed were happy with advisement and orientation.
- Registered New Student hours registered full time (12-15) Freshmen 3316 and transfer 663

New students changing majors/exploratory advising

Catherine Studemeyer

- Second summer providing new student major change interest appointments
- 63% increase from last summer and 75% increase from last summer appointments. Saw 8 % of the incoming class.
- Over half of the students that changed their majors met with them.
 - 304 students did not change the major because
 - wanting DMSB or Nursing
 - realized that they were in the right major
- EA team did 136 orientation appointments that is a 202% change from last year
- Largest ever undeclared class (393 students 2021-22) up 28% from 2016 and up 12% from 2018.

- Undeclared was the largest “receiver” major of 101 students of incoming students changing majors into Undeclared.
- 99% of freshmen left orientation a full schedule and 75% of transfer students left orientation a full schedule

Transfer Pass/Fail implications

Amanda Lucas

- During Covid 10 pass/fail implications
- Registrar office reviews the grading scale provided by a college or university ad post the grade as “S” or “U”
- This may be placed in the Fall Through section of Degreeworks and will need an exception to allow the course to fit a degree applicable requirement. Confirm with your department to do the exception.
- Will look into seeing if the registrar can use our grading scale when the other school has a grading scale? Amanda will check with Aaron to see because this would be helpful for determining if can be used in majors or minors.

UAN Announcements

Technology updates

Brian Dusel

- Training needs to be completed before access can be granted.
- All on the technology website

Curriculum updates

Jenn Tilford

- Update on Bulletin – the old address goes to the archived bulletin – bulletin.sc.edu
- Archived bulletins are now HTML so you can search
- Founding documents – courses are listed on the bulletin under that name to see what is approved

Training schedule and Advisor Awards

Jane Bouknight

- Training events - will be hybrid – in person or virtually
- Institutional academic advisor awards are accepting nominations through October 1st
 - All of the award categories are listed, and the rubrics align with NACADA
- If you are interested in reviewing the nominations, please contact Jane via email.

Other Announcements

- TRIO will be advising starting Sept 20th and ending Oct. 6th. By their grant they must advise the students first
- Nursing change of major application will be closing on Oct. 1 at midnight
- National Fellowship Advising – has expanded their advisors by 2. One will be working with first- and second-year students and one will be working with graduate students.
- Education Abroad – not allowed to fill out the provider study abroad form; Only the Academic Plan form can be signed; Fair will be outside next Wednesday, Oct. 22

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