

Undergraduate Advising Council Meeting

November 16, 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm via Zoom

Minutes

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

- Correction noted for October 19 UAC meeting minutes: the November (not October) UAC meeting will be held via Zoom.
- Motion for approval of October 19 UAC meeting minutes (with correction) by Christina Rozvodovskiy; Seconded by Diana Hull.

Steering Committee Updates

- Allison Gatsche discussed ways to get involved in UAC (see additional information on slides) – <https://uflorida.sharepoint.com/:p:/t/2023-2024UACSteeringCommittee/EZEQwQHgkHdNkeAvsfDMoJIBtmSCpG2tBvXE9zOqN75-4w?e=mabqOm>
- All UAC steering committee positions will be up for election in the spring, except for Past Chair position, since that position is assumed by the outgoing chair. The UAC chair attends ACUA meetings and UCC meetings and also meets regularly with Jason Mastrogiovanni and Nigel Richardson. Goals for UAC include increasing recognition of the work being done in the advising community and creating an advisor mentoring program in the future.
- There is a new UAC steering committee position that was approved in the recent update to the bylaws: the Finance Committee Chair to oversee all UAC expenditures. Reach out to Allison with questions about the finance committee.
- If anyone is interested in getting involved with the Communications Committee, reach out to Sara Mock. We have a unique opportunity to help shape the path and plan for university-wide advising communication, in collaboration with the Student Success Office.
- There are opportunities for involvement with the Professional Development Committee, to assist with the annual UF Advising Conference and to work on development of other professional development activities outside of the conference itself. If interested in getting involved, reach out to Danielle Shu.
- We are also looking for anyone who is interested in getting involved with the University Affairs Committee. The first site visit to the DRC was held recently. Upcoming site visits to the University Honors Program will be on Dec 7 & Jan 26, with max of 25 attendees for each visit. If anyone wants to host a site visit or wants to get involved in the University Affairs Committee, reach out to Amanda Jackson.

Nigel Richardson, Senior Director of Advising

- 2 annual festivities will be held: a fall advisor celebration & a spring advisor appreciation event
 - Fall 2023 Advisor Celebration: Dec 1 – 2:30-5:00 PM in the Reitz Union game room with food, giveaways, & fun.
 - Spring 2024 Advisor Appreciation – Details are still being developed for this event.
- UF Student Success (UFSS) Advising Workgroup Updates –
 - Pre-Health Advising Workgroup – The workgroup includes participation from many colleges and offices across campus. If interested in getting involved, reach out to Nigel. Current membership includes:
 - Bobbi Knickerbocker – CLAS
 - Erica Alexander – HHP
 - Meredith Beaupre – Honors
 - Kathryn Ivey – CALS
 - Ani Kellermann – CLAS
 - Maureen Cox – CALS

- Janna Underhill – EG
- Robert Doyle – PPHP
- Kari Maples – HHP
- Brendan Daigle – Career Connections Center
- Johnathan Hancock – HHP
- Brittany Hoover – CLAS
- Gregg Henderscheidt – Honors
- Training/On-boarding Workgroup – The goal is to enhance the training and onboarding process for advisors across the university, share best practices, streamline resources, and improve consistency in advising training. Group just met for first time on 11/15. If interested in getting involved, let Nigel know. Current membership includes:
 - Sterling Davenport – EG
 - Amanda Jackson – BUS
 - Ali Nottke – Arts
 - Emily Overend – BUS
 - Michael Sisk – CALS
 - Nicole Young – EG
 - Shannon Kelley – UFSS
 - Sierra McVeigh – UFSS
- Preview Planning Workgroup – Coordination of the academic components of Preview will fully transition to UFSS for 2025. CLAS will continue to play a major role in 2024. There are many opportunities for others to be involved. Please reach out to Nigel if interested.
- University Advising Leadership Group (UALG) – The focus of this group is to foster collaboration, share best practices, and cultivate a cohesive strategy for academic advising across UF. Membership includes the following:
 - Aaron Ganas – ED
 - Dana Myers – Arts
 - Deb Mayhew – EG
 - Glenn Kepic – CLAS
 - Jaime Little – BUS
 - Janna Underhill – EG
 - John Laibson – ACTG
 - Judy Hunter – JOU
 - Kathryn Ivey – CALS
 - Lucy Searcy – IA
 - Lynn O’Sickey – CLAS
 - Meredith Beaupre – Honors
 - Mutlu Citim-Kepic – Arts
 - Pat DeJong – DCP
 - Robert Doyle – PPHP
 - Sara Mock – CLAS
 - Sarah Eberhardt – HHP

Jason Mastrogiovanni, Assistant Provost of Student Success

- Student Success Collaborative - <https://studentsuccess.ufl.edu/about/student-success-collaborative/>
 - The group has met twice so far. Meetings are held via Zoom, with 60-70 participants per meeting. The goal of the group is to discover challenges, raise concerns, review policies, and share positive issues, as well. Meetings are meant to be open, with participants driving the agenda, and he will facilitate.
- UFSS just hired a new Communications Coordinator, and this will be announced soon.
- Academic Operations Technology Workgroup –

- The group is putting together a list of basic functionality that they think should exist but doesn't. The goal is to try to find solutions that can help campus-wide, and they have come up with over 100 functionalities that they wish we had. The group is partnering with UFIT to work on enhancements and will share updates with UAC shortly.

Town Hall Forum Q&A with Nigel & Jason

- With so many separate workgroups going on, how can we ensure that there will still be communication across the larger advising community? If your unit has a member participating in any of the groups, they are encouraged to share information with your unit. Information will also be shared with Allison and the UAC on a regular basis. UFSS is launching a newsletter in the spring to disseminate information more broadly. Communication is the key to success, and UFSS is the connective tissue between the advising community and campus partners.
- What is your sense of new president's level of support of advising? The focus of the president and his team so far has been on bigger picture issues. They haven't gotten to the level of granularity to determine what the role of advising is within that. Early indications seem supportive, but we are waiting to see how that manifests. There is an opportunity to dream and come up with wish lists since not all decisions have been made yet. Get involved in the UAC and UFSS workgroups to put forth ideas.
- What is your understanding of the future of UFOnline as a standalone unit? No specific insight to share, other than the idea that offering courses with different modalities (online, hybrid, etc.) seems to be favored by the administration.
- Do we enforce the policy of students not being permitted to submit CLEP exams after their first term? Do we think it's a reasonable policy? It was noted that there is an exception for CLEP for Civic Literacy (POS2041 and AMH2020) and those CLEP exams can be taken and submitted as late as their final semester for Civic Lit. It was also shared that students can receive an online voucher to take CLEP exams for free if they complete Modern State's online prep course.
- Are there updates on plans for Dr. Lindner's position, especially in regard to UFSS? The Provost's Office is being reviewed as a whole right now, and there are likely to be some changes. There will not be an interim position after Dr. Lindner leaves. Her last day will be announced soon, but she has generally said it will be at the end of this year. UFSS will not be changing.
- Regarding the upcoming UFSS advising newsletter: what sort of frequency will it have? It will be put out weekly on Tuesdays, with a submission deadline of Monday. It will cover advising news, perhaps a UAC corner, etc. It will be a place for advisors to go back and look to see what's coming up, announce new advisors who have arrived, share birthdays of advisors, etc.
- Jason wants advisors to be comfortable reaching out to him and welcomes advisors to send a Teams message if they have any questions.

Adjournment