

University Advisors' Network

Wednesday, March 21

9:30-11:00am

Capstone Campus Room

Members: Valeria Bates, Ed Black, Rebecca Boyd, Shelley Dempsey, Brian Dusel, Amber Fallucca, Chrissie Faupel, Libby Foreman, Gwen Geidel, Andre Grant, Dawn Hiller, Sara Jusiewz, Loren Knapp, Stephen Lowe, Drew Newton, Kristi Niro, Gina Polizzi, T'Kara Richardson, Claire Robinson, Paul Stoltzfus, Amanda Therrell, and Donna Watson

Absent: Kathy Anastes, Patricia Armstrong, Kay Banks, Claudia Benitez-Nelson, Claudia Carriere, Pickney Epps, Meghan Fields, Janis Leaphart, Aaron Marterer, Meredith McNeice, Renee McGinnis, Connie Outen, Ruth Patterson, Edith Pietrykowski, Bethany Naser, Kathy Smiling, Jan Smoak, Nancy Tolson, Heidi Waltz, and Amanda Zeigler

Guests: Francisco Blanco-Silva, Tara George, Helen Le, Matthew Miller, and Kristi Niro

Handouts – Admissions Update, Orientation date

Approval of February minutes Approved with one factual change from Stephen Lowe – location of graduation for Palmetto College students is set for Columbia for fall and spring unless the student requests different location.

9:30 am Welcome & approval of February minutes

Loren Knapp
Claire Robinson

9:35 am Admissions Update

Ed Black

- New welcome book for incoming students that many offices on campus have contributed to the content
- As of today, a little over 3000 deposits
- For the SCHC approximately 550 for fall 2018
- Target fall 18 class around 5800 currently have a little under 31000 applications for freshman class
- We have 3 applications – home grown one, common application, and coalition application. The coalition application is one used by many major flagship universities in the country.
- 11000 freshmen resident applications went up by 10%
- Non-resident applications average SAT is 1320; in state application average SAT is 1240 (on old test 1180). Weighted high gpa is 4.0. Students in SC are now taking both the SAT and the ACT
- We have 800 applications on the wait list for a final decision by April 1.
- This denied more out of state applicants
- Gamecock Gateway – more instate this year. 440 freshmen from SC. In state decision was sent out on Valentine's Day. This weekend there will be 600 at the info session.
- When the Gateway students accept, the application asks for the major that they are considering when reaching USC.

- March 23rd admitted students day has 5000 signed up to attend.
- Hoping for 400 system transfers and 1500 non-system transfers
- Admissions has moved to 1244 Blossom, Byrnes building, and Admissions Counselors are in the Visitor Center. They have moved out of Leiber.

10:00 am MPT and Advising *approval of MPT information **Francisco Blanco-Silva**

- MPT started in 2007 and fully implemented in 2008
- Deanne Moss – assistant in the department that can answer many questions about the test
- MPT places students into courses unlike the Foreign Language Test which places you out of courses.
- Need a grade of C in MATH141 to continue to 142.
- MATH 122 with grade of C to take ACCT 222
- Showed a PowerPoint slide of which majors require MATH 141 to proceed in their majors.
- MPT assists in the decision if the student can successfully face the challenges of the class to progress. It helps to see who has experienced the material and forgot and those that have never experienced the material.
- Two tests focus – one on algebra and one on algebra and trig.
- Test is online and 90 minutes long, no student has the same exam, allowed 3 attempts
- Tells weakness and gives material to review and brush up to retake the test
- Fine tune each year after reviewing the data.
- Partnered with the UAC to answer questions about who should take the MPT.
- How good is it at measuring? Students that score 20 or higher generally receive an A or B in the class they are enrolled.
- Failure rate in MATH 141 is about 37%
- Not everyone takes the test and cannot be forced to take the test.
- In MATH 141 – 75-78% are 1st timers; repeaters pull the percentages down in the non-success rate.
- Math department is in the process of changing their webpage instead of making the students figure out if their major requires math or not. They are creating a table for them to search.
- Claire added that the Office of Orientation mentions the MPT 5 various times to the incoming students.
- Ed added that the Office of Admissions mentions the MPT 3 various times to the incoming students.

10:20 am Update from DegreeWorks SEP sub-committee

Valeria Bates
Donna Watson

- Had our first meeting; decided to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from April – July1
- Soft launch on July 1 and all colleges represented on the committee are going to take part
- Created a Phase II list
- Decided – 3 plans would be in the system – 1 locked plan, 1 student plan, and 1 advisor plan

- All would use the 2018-19 catalog year with a general SEP in the system that could be used for any student in catalog year
- Minutes from the meeting are on the UAN website

10:30 am Advising Technology updates

Brian Dusel

- UAC Toolbox – has become the technology hub
- This page lists any tech updates that affects all the different system.
- There is a “Known Issues List” on the page that shows issues in EAB, SSB, and DW
- Also a “Tech Enhancement Page” if there is anything you would like to see in one of the system, you can put it on this page.
- On the Pathfinder page, there is a list of which offices are using Pathfinder and which ones are pending.
- Winter release of EAB – risk score unpacked and show what constituted it, attach items to your campaign emails, export list and resend emails.

10:45 am UAN member updates

- Drew – 17-18 transfer and freshmen students must complete the “Think About It” deadline was March 20. EO office will be placing hold on their record that have not completed the survey.
 - FYAs will be reaching out to those with the holds so they can complete it before registration time comes for them.
- Study Abroad – spring break trip was successful. Amber Fallucia went to Vietnam and thoroughly enjoyed it.
 - April 27th Study Abroad Orientation which will be a conference style with some sessions being about internships, how courses are placed on the transcript.
 - April 1st was the soft deadline for the SAF
- Claire – referenced the UAC calendar of events to see if there are items which you may want to attend.
 - Beyonce and JayZ are performing on August 21st which is move in day and classes start on August 23rd
 - Previewed the Major Map in the Bulletin
 - Program of Study will also be in the Bulletin
- OYT accelerated study plans will be starting this coming fall
 - Student will complete an interest form for the 3-year plan which they sign and agree
 - This goes to the program advisor and the FYA
 - Gwen was concerned that there could be confusion between the Accelerated degree plan and the Accelerated Bachelor to Master’s program.

11:00 am Adjourn

Spring Advisor PD events

April 27: Advisors’ Orientation to Study Abroad~Sign up here:

<https://uscips.wufoo.com/forms/rsce2xz1svnqrl/>

UAN Meetings

April 18 on the 17th floor of Capstone
May 16

Undergraduate Admissions Update
UAN
Wednesday, March 21

Fall/Summer 2018 Freshman Update

Applications Received	30,806
Acceptances	19,079
Deposits	3,059
Honors College Applications	4,494
Honors College Acceptances	1,782
Honors College Deposits	158
Capstone Scholar Invitations	5,310
Capstone Scholar Deposits	545
Gamecock Gateway Invitations	1,919
Gamecock Gateway Deposits	418

Fall/Summer 2018 Transfer Update

Applications Received	1,840
Acceptances	217

Other Important Information

- Anticipated class size is 5,800
- Merit-based scholarships have already been awarded
- Gamecock Guarantee will be awarded the first week of April
- Katherine Hilson (hilsonk@mailbox.sc.edu) is now the admissions **recruitment** contact for academic departments
- Questions about specific student applications should be directed to Teresa Florentin (tafloren@mailbox.sc.edu) or Ed Black (blacke@mailbox.sc.edu) in the admissions office
- Data requests for admissions-specific information are fulfilled after interested parties complete the following form: <https://webapps.admissions.sc.edu/datarequest/index.php> (Shibboleth access required). Questions about data requests should be directed to Deborah Staley (staleyd@mailbox.sc.edu) in the admissions office.
- Upcoming admissions events: Scholar Social (March 23 and April 6), Admitted Student Day (March 24 and April 7)

Questions?