

Advising Consultant Group

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Student AL/Major Change and Potential Survey Tool (Stacey Smith-Colon)

- Carson College of Business has been having some technical difficulties with students coming in from Alive! With the change in curriculum. Discussions about why students are changing in and out of Business Majors. Stacey stated that statics say that 31% of students who say they want to major in business, end up changing majors. Why is this? Where does this data live at WSU? If it's not located somewhere at WSU currently, can we start collecting data to help better retain business students?
- Open discussion regarding whether other departments are having the same issues as Business. CAS performed an intake survey on all their programs that offered Humanities. They did this for only one semester, as it confirmed what they already knew. Business would like to see an exit survey as well. The thought is some students are switching into Business because they may not be doing well in their STEM major. Should seeing an Academic and Career Advisor be a condition on switching majors?
- Engineering has an exiting a major survey currently, although not many students complete this, maybe 50%. Maybe this information from the survey would be beneficial for the receiving advisor. Business is interested in implementing this. Engineering (via Morann Johnson) will share what they currently use. CAS and ASCC would like to receive this survey to consider implementing.

Upcoming Summer Session (Chris Kincaid)

- Summer session application is open for Global. They are looking into getting more information regarding financial aid, and what is available. Please share this with other advisors to let students know that this is a great way to progress throughout the summer, or repeat a course, and that there are more course options available this year then previous years.

WSU ACADA (Ali Bretthauer)

- There was a previous discussion on the idea that WSU ACADA should return, not many people attended the first discussion meeting however. Will meet with a larger group in the future to see what will work best with current advisors. A self-imposed deadline for a decision is in June. Anyone is welcome to join. The main role will be reviewing by-laws. A survey will go out to advisors at Spring Forum by electronic and hard copy to see who is interested.
- Some questions that came up are, will there be a membership fee? Will each department pay that fee? What will WSU ACADA look like with the ALP? It was stated that National ACADA is more research based and "Advisors for Advisors" was a term used. A suggestion was to put on the survey what WSU ACADA could be, since there are a lot of new advisors at WSU.

Mid-Term Associate Chair Voting (Colette Casavant)

- The nominees for ACG Co-Chair are Morann Johnson and Katie Alexander. Email votes to Colette.

Advising Updates (All)

- ALP: Please sign up on the HRS website to attend the Advising Forum. Workshops are coming up! A 1-time a month advisor instructional foundation training with Chanelle will be available as well.
- ASCC: open position for Career Coaching/Advising and open front desk position.
- ENG: open position for a program coordinator.
- Nursing: has a new hire-Byron.
- CAS: Has some new advisors; Rachel in Pre-Law, James in Major Exploration and part time Career Services, Spencer in Humanities and Anthro.
- Comm: Sara S. promoted to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Megan as an Academic Advisor, and 2 new Academic Advisors.
- OAE: IGRAD opens this semester which is replacing SALT. It will be up and running in the next couple weeks. Cougs Rise won the 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award. Looking for a hire for Teaching Faculty for Summer.
- Vancouver: New Registrar (Lilliana). Other new hires as well. Lindsay F. has left WSU.
- Business: 1 new full time Academic Advisor and 2 new Interns (Andrew G).
- Education: 2 new advisors starting.

Questions that came up.

- Rule 53 exceptions. Pre-Law Certifications into Major-Will additional interest areas stay on? Blaine Golden said it would be.
- If a Freshman has been accepted in to a major, can they still make changes?

- Do current students need to apply to certify in Communications?
- Will the new rules be in place by April?
- Will Rule 53 apply to Transfer Alive! Students?
- Advisors would all around like more general updates and information.

Concerns and questions on the WSU Parents Facebook Page.

- How are the administrators controlling the content? Also, are direct names of staff/advisors being said?
- Only one of the two pages Facebook pages are administered by WSU. The other is an open parent chat group (Open Chat Café).
- The WSU Facebooks page is controlled by New Student Programs (NSP).
- NSP cannot monitor that is said, so please report it if you see something inappropriate so it can be removed. As there are so many comments, NSP cannot read them all.

Question regarding FERPA and advisor's physical workspace. WSU does not have a lot of language regarding this exactly. Should all advisors who talk to students have a private office space? How do you ensure FERPA is being followed when others can potentially hear what is being said? Similar issues arise during Alive!

Future ACG Meetings:

- No February Meeting, February 17th Advising Forum
- March 16
- April 20

Member	TITLE	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT
Vacant		Access, Equity & Achievement	
Alexander, Kate	Admissions & Advising Coordinator	Honors College	Yes
Arnold, Donna	Associate Director	Multicultural Student Services	No
Bretthauer, Ali	Project Director	ATLAS	Yes
Casavant, Colette	Academic Coordinator	CAHNRs	Yes
Chow, Anna	Assistant Director/Academic Coord.	Liberal Arts General Studies	Yes
Smith-Colon, Stacey	Academic Coordinator	Carson College of Business	Yes
Erwin, Heather	Assistant Athletic Director	Athletics	Yes
Gizerian, Samantha	Clinical Assistant Professor	Integrative Physiology & Neuro	Yes
Hammond, Angela	Director Student Services	College of Education	No
Johnson, Morann	Academic Coordinator	College of Engineering	Yes
Kincaid, Chrisi	Student Services Supervisor	WSU Online Admin	Yes
King, Terese	Executive Director of University Advising	ASCC/UAAEC	No
Golden, Blaine	Assistant Registrar	Registrar Office	Yes
Lessmann, Jeremy	Clinical Assistant Professor	Chemistry	Yes
Dela Cruz, Kim	Assistant Director	New Student Programs	Yes
Ryan, Ruth	Associate Director	Academic Success & Career Center	Yes
Stahley, Bill	Manager of Student Resource Ctr	WSU Vancouver	No
Tibbals, LeeAnn	Academic Coordinator	Health Professions Student Center	Yes
Vik, Tami	Academic Coordinator	Communications	Yes
Gana, Chris		WSU Tri Cities	No
Denman, Chanelle	ALP Coordinator	ASCC	Yes
Guests			
Minutes recorded by Crystal Orr	Administrative Assistant	Academic Success & Career Center	Yes