

ADVISOR NEWS

Fall Semester 2001

Advising and Transition Services - A division of the Provost's Office - <http://www.usu.edu/ats> - 797-3373

Calendar of Events

Advising Coordinating Committee

Thurs. Oct. 18 10:30 a.m. MLIB 204
Thurs. Nov. 15 10:30 a.m. MLIB 204
Thurs. Dec. 6 10:30 a.m. MLIB 204

All advisors are welcome to attend and participate. Meetings will be broadcast through Distance Education to various Education Centers and Extension Sites.

Online Orientation Advisory Committee

Thurs. Sept. 27 10:30 a.m. TSC 336

Additional meetings to be scheduled

Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)

For students entering USU Spring 2002
Mon. Nov. 12, 2001

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Conference

October 11-14, 2001 in Ottawa, Canada

Congratulations!

Noreen Schvaneveldt, faculty advisor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, has been selected by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) to receive an **Outstanding Advisor Certificate of Merit** for Advising as her Secondary Role as part of the 2001 NACADA Awards Program for Academic Advising. Noreen will receive her award at the NACADA National Conference in Ottawa, Canada.

New Organizational Structure and Reporting Lines

The **Office of Advising and Transition Services** is now under the direction of the Provost's Office. **John Mortensen**, Director of Advising and Transition Services, reports to **Joyce Kinkead**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Research.

The **General Registration Program** will be reporting to the Science/HASS Advising Center, under the direction of **Mary Leavitt**. During this transition, all newly admitted General Registration students will be referred to the Science/HASS Advising Center. Their advisor is **Jill Hoffman** (797-3883). During the transition, the **Academic Resource Center** will continue to advise current General Registration students. Mary Leavitt will continue to report to the deans of Science and HASS for college-related business. Mary will report to Joyce Kinkead for University advising issues.

Lynn Poulsen has been moved from Student Services to the Provost's Office and is now the Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management. **Eric Olsen**, Director of Recruitment/Enrollment Services, and **Judy LeCheminant**, Director of Financial Aid, will continue to report to Lynn. The Registrar's Office will also continue to report to Lynn.

Some of the offices mentioned above will be relocated during the next several months. Advisors will be notified of these changes through future issues of the *Advisor News* and through the ATS advisor e-mail distribution list.

New Advising Assignments

New advisors and faculty members who have taken on advising assignments include: **Dan Hubert** for Agricultural Education majors; **Peggy Buttars** for Business Information Systems majors; **Paul Ermer** for the Air Force ROTC; **Arsenath Hartman** for Art majors; **Jennifer Peeples** in the Languages and Philosophy Department; **Michael Timmons** for Landscape Architecture majors; **Janet Stock** for French Majors; **Richard Sherlock** for Philosophy Majors; **Mark Larsen** for Spanish Majors; **Brian Abrams** for Music majors; **Lane Cheney** for Choral Music Education majors; **Jeannie Johnson** for Political Science majors; **Adrienne Moore** for Theatre Arts majors; **Barb Benson** for Distance Learning (CEU/USU); **Amanda Williams** for Distance Education in Moab (CEU/USU); **Robert Peterson** for the Uintah Basin; **Steve Geyer** for Extension; **Susan Talley** for Extension; **David Law** for Extension; **Leslie Barnes** for Student-Athlete Services; **Penny Findlay** for the Academic Resource Center; and **Fawn Groves** and **JC (Juan) Vazquez** for the Office of Multicultural Student Services. Chemistry majors will be advised by one of the following faculty advisors: **Steve Scheiner**, **Vernon Parker**, **Richard Holz**, or **Scott Ensign**.

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Advisor E-mail Distribution List

The Office of Advising and Transition Services is continually updating its advisor e-mail distribution list. This list currently includes more than 220 professional and faculty advisors and directors of various departments within Student Services. The purpose of the list is to inform advisors of upcoming meetings, provide updates on policies and procedures, and coordinate the exchange of other pertinent information from the Registrar's Office and other areas. If you wish to have your e-mail address added to or removed from this list, please notify John Mortensen (mort@cc.usu.edu).

2001-2002 Advisor Handbook

The *Advisor Handbook* was distributed at the Advising Workshops in August. The updated handbook includes an additional 37 pages of useful transfer articulation information to assist advisors in evaluating coursework of students who transfer to USU from BYU—Idaho or other institutions from within the state of Utah. If you have a heavy advising load and have not yet received the 2001-2002 handbook, please contact John Mortensen (mort@cc.usu.edu).

Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction

The Academic Resource Center has the Fall 2001 schedule for Mathematics, Statistics, and Writing Tutoring, and also the complete schedule for Supplemental Instruction, on the web. The address is: www.usu.edu/arc/tutoring/index.htm. Please refer students to this web site so they can make use of the free services. For more information, call 797-1128 or drop by TSC 302.

New Computer-Based CLEP Testing

The CLEP testing program has moved from its traditional pencil-and-paper format to a computer-based test (CBT) delivery. USU Testing Services has made this change and is offering the test under this new format.

With the CBT format, CLEP's scoring scales have changed slightly, requiring schools to tweak their credit-granting policies. To provide assistance, CLEP has provided score comparison charts to aid institutions in a smooth transition. Using these comparison charts, Eric Jensen, Testing Supervisor, has generated a list of all CLEP exams honored at USU with their old scores and the new score requirements for CBT CLEP.

The comparison data for a few of the Subject CLEP Exams has not yet been provided. CLEP will release that data as soon as it becomes available.

All academic departments granting credit for CLEP examinations should contact Eric Jensen (797-1004) in Testing Services to approve the new scores or to make other recommendations.

ACT Statistics

Here are some interesting statistics compiled by ACT. The statistics refer only to new freshmen who were **enrolled** full-time during the Spring 2001 semester at USU.

Average ACT Composite: 22.5
Percent scoring 28 or higher: 11%

Top 10 Feeder High Schools

1. Logan	67
2. Sky View	63
3. Mountain Crest	60
4. Bingham	44
5. Bear River	38
6. Davis	36
7. Bountiful	34
8. Viewmont	30
9. Box Elder	30
10. Alta	30

Don't Cancel That Class!

This semester, instructors may discover that they will be forced to miss a class due to a conference, family obligation, or other important event. Instead of canceling the class or scrambling to find another instructor to cover the material for the day, instructors should consider contacting the staff at Career Services to request a "substitute" for the class. Topics may include career decision-making, career search strategies, networking, interviewing skills, resume writing, etc. For more information, contact Donna Crow at 797-7777.

Reentry Peer Facilitators

The Reentry Student Center provides peer facilitators who offer assistance and share with other returning students the survival skills they have acquired through their reentry process. Call the Reentry Student Center, 797-1728, for an appointment, or stop by TSC 310.

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