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Advising Coordinating Committee Meetings

Meetings are on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the old Engineering Classroom building, room 107. Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend and will be broadcast through Distance Education to various Education Centers and Extension sites. Meetings are scheduled on:
January 19, 2006
February 9, 2006
March 9, 2006
April 6, 2006
May 11, 2006

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Regional Conference

February 22-24, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Scholar's Day

March 23-24, 2006

Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)

For students entering USU Summer 2006
March 28, 2006

Utah Advising & Orientation Association (UAOA) State Conference

May 24-25, 2006 in Park City, Utah

Outstanding New Advisor Award

Dawn Black, an advisor in the Department of Elementary Education, is the recipient of the 2005 Outstanding New Professional Advisor Award. Dawn was selected from among several excellent nominees.

There were no nominees for the 2005 Outstanding New Faculty Advisor Award and the 2005 Outstanding Advising Program Award. We encourage advisors to look ahead to next year and begin considering individuals or programs to nominate for these awards.

New Advising-Related Assignments

New professional advisors and/or faculty members who advise and are now one of the first advising contact for students in various areas include: **Denise Taylor** in the Department of Elementary Education, **Joan Smith** in the Engineering Advising Center, **Reid Furniss** in the Department of Journalism and Communication, **Lisa Maughan** in the Department of Military Science, **Joel Pederson** in the Department of Geology; **Michelle Bogdan** in the Office of University Advising and Transfer Services, and **Suzanne Anderson** in Tooele.

Assigning Students to an Advisor in Banner

Advisors with Internet Native Banner (INB) access may assign students to an advisor using the screen SGAADVR. The Major advisor should always be checked as the Primary advisor. When students login to Banner (Access), the only advisor they will see is whomever is listed as the Primary advisor.

Expansion of Transfer Services

The role of Transfer Services within the Office of University Advising and Transfer Services (UATS) is expanding. Beginning January 2006, UATS now oversees the posting and articulation of all domestic transfer work for transfer students. This change is in an effort to speed up the overall transfer process. As a result of these changes, there are several new faces in UATS. **Jennifer Caines** has moved from the Admissions Office to UATS. In addition **Cara Allen** has been hired to assist until the end of June 2006. Jennifer and Cara will work closely with Tracy Jones and Brandy Reeves, who have previously been working with articulation and transfer services.

USU Presentations at National Advising Conference

Individuals from Utah State University presented workshops at the National Advising Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference theme was "Hitting the Jackpot: Making Academic Success a Sure Bet!" **Wade Oliver**, Assistant Director of University Advising and Transfer Services, presented the workshops: "Measuring Advisor Success: An Attitude of Service" and "Graduate in Four Years—Guaranteed! A Discussion about the Graduation Guarantee Program at Utah State University." **John Mortensen**, Director of University Advising and Transfer Services, presented the workshop "Winning at Slots! Electronically Assisting First-Year Students in Registering for the Right Combination of Classes." In addition, **John Mortensen**, Director of University Advising and Transfer Services, had an article published in the December issue of the NACADA Newsletter titled "Outstanding Advising Awards: Tips on Putting Together a Successful Nomination Packet."

National Student Exchange

Instead of crossing oceans, National Student Exchange (NSE) students cross state and provincial borders to learn more about cultural and regional differences and to take advantage of the diverse academic offerings of member colleges and universities. Changes seen in student attitudes, understanding of people in other settings, maturity, risk-taking, and decision-making are similar to the experiences of students who study outside of North America. Students report that NSE has widened their horizons, expanded their visions, and broadened their academic and personal perspectives.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006/2007 academic year with a deadline of March 1. Interested students may receive more information in TSC 305.

Mathematics and Statistics Tutors Needed

The Academic Resource Center is always looking for qualified candidates for math and statistics tutors (especially statistics!). To qualify as a math tutor, students need to have taken through Math 2250 with grades of B+ or higher. Statistics tutors need to have taken at least Stats 1040 (or equivalent) and Stats 3000 with grades of B+ or higher. Students must also have a minimum 3.0 USU gpa.

These positions provide excellent experience for many types of majors. Starting wage is \$7.00 and all tutors receive training that results in national certification. Please refer qualified students to Carol Rosenthal, TSC 305, 797-4027.

Robins Award for Professional Advisor of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 Professional Advisor of the Year, to be presented at the USU Robins Awards Ceremony in April. Any student, staff member, faculty member, advisor, or administrator may nominate an individual for this award. A mass e-mail will be sent to all undergraduate students at the end of January to solicit their nominations.

More information about the award is available by [clicking here](#). The nomination deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

Advisor E-mail Distribution List

The Office of University Advising and Transfer Services is continually updating its advisor e-mail distribution list. This list currently includes more than 200 professional and faculty advisors, as well as directors of various offices 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 (john.mortensen@usu.edu).