

ADVISOR NEWS

Summer Semester 2001

Advising & Transition Services - A Subdivision of Student Services - "http://www.usu.edu/ats" - 797-1128

Calendar of Events

Utah Advising and Orientation Association (UAOA)

2001 Conference

May 22-23 Park City, Utah

SOAR Advising Dates

Advising from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Transfer Students

June 18

New Students

June 21, 25, 28, 29

July 9, 10, 12, 14

New Professional & Faculty Advisor Orientation

August 13 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Main 115)

(Lunch on your own 12:00 - 1:30)

Annual Advisor Workshop

(All Advisors)

August 14 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Main 225)

2001-2002 Advising Coordinating Committee Meetings

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in Merrill

Library 204

Broadcast to Extension Sites

September 13, 2001

October 18, 2001

November 15, 2001

December 6, 2001

January 17, 2002

February 7, 2002

March 7, 2002

April 4, 2002

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)

2001 National Conference

October 11-14 Ottawa, Canada

Advising-Related Personnel Changes

John Hubbard, faculty advisor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is going on sabbatical for a year. **Bob Peterson** is a new advisor/recruiter at the Uintah Basin Branch Campus in Vernal. **Trudy Hess** is a new professional advisor for Family and Consumer Sciences majors. **Jennifer Tingey** an advisor in the Science/HASS Advising Center is retiring.

Changes in the Provost's Office

After serving as Interim Provost, **Craig Petersen** is now serving as Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the President. **Stan Albrecht** was appointed as Executive Vice President and University Provost. After serving as the Interim Vice Provost, **Ann Leffler** is now serving as Interim Dean in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. **Joyce Kinkead** has been appointed as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies. **Noelle Cockett** has also been appointed as a Vice Provost. **Linda Wolcott** has been appointed as interim Vice Provost for Libraries and Instructional Support. **Sydney Peterson** has been appointed as an Assistant Provost.

Congratulations!

The following individuals were recognized at the 2001 USU Robins Awards Ceremony: **Carol Sainsbury**, Advisor in Student Support Services, was honored as the **Professional Advisor of the Year**; and **Isela Chiu**, Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese in the Department of Languages and Philosophy, was honored as the **Faculty Advisor of the Year**.

John Mortensen, Director of Advising and Transition Services, is serving as **Chair of the 2002 National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) National Conference**.

UAOA Conference

The Utah Advising and Orientation Association Conference is May 23-24 in Park City. Participants need to register as soon as possible. For more information, visit the UAOA website (www.weber.edu/uaoa/) or contact John Mortensen (mort@cc.usu.edu or 797-9303).

Peer Advising

We want to thank all of those who work so hard with peer advisors in their departments/colleges. The program has undergone some positive changes, and this coming year is sure to be one of the best ever. The value of peer advisors has become clear, as we have communicated with many departments who utilize peer advisors. Thanks again to the 22 departments/colleges who took the time to submit proposals. We were able to offer at least some funding for all proposals submitted, and look forward to the coming year. If you have any questions about the peer advising program, contact Wade Oliver (oliverwa@cc.usu.edu) 797-1133.

Reentry Student Center Reading Room

There is a special reading room where reentry students may study or browse through books, magazines, pamphlets, and information files on a variety of subjects concerning issues facing women and men in our changing society. For more information, contact the Reentry Student Center, TSC 302, 797-1728.

Standardization of Terminology

In recent months, there has been some confusion regarding the terminology used to describe major programs, emphases, and options. In order to provide some consistency in printed publications, the following terms will be used as follows:

Emphasis. An area of study which will appear as an emphasis within a degree on a student's transcript, which has a built curriculum and attached requirements, and which has gone through an official approval process with the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) and the Board of Trustees.

Option (Specialization, Concentration, Track). An area of study which is intended to direct a student's energies within a department or major, but is only intended to track their progress internally and will neither show up on their transcript nor affect their degree.

Dual Major. Students receive a single degree, but have two different majors, either within the same college or from two different colleges.

Double Major. Under the definition of the Second Bachelor's Degree policy, this terminology will no longer be used. Students may not earn two separate bachelor's degrees at the same time. They may either receive a dual major or continue their education to receive a second bachelor's degree.

Second Bachelor's Degree. A second bachelor's degree is available only to those on whom a first bachelor's degree has already been conferred. Candidates must complete a minimum of 30 USU credits beyond those applied toward the first bachelor's degree, 18 of which must be earned in department-approved upper-division courses related to the major.

Endorsements. Most commonly offered in the College of Education, endorsements are available to those who have already obtained their teaching license and serve as supplements to that license. Endorsements indicate further education and specialization in a variety of areas related to teaching (i.e., ESL, gifted and talented, early childhood, etc.).

Formal Approval Required For All Majors, Minors, and Emphases

All majors, minors, and emphases must be officially approved by the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) and the Board of Trustees. An area of emphasis that has not been officially approved should be referred to as an option, specialization, concentration, or track. In addition, an area of emphasis that is not formally approved will not show up on a student's transcript.

Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Center Is Open

USU Testing Services has recently been remodeled and expanded to include a computer network dedicated to the delivery of graduate entrance and other high-stakes Educational Testing Services (ETS) exams.

Prior to the completion of this



Center, USU students had to travel to sites in Ogden and Salt Lake City for testing. USU now offers the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Praxis Exams (teaching certification), and other ETS admissions, placement, and certification exams.

Computer delivery offers the convenience of flexible scheduling and the advantage of prompt score reporting. Students interested in taking the GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, or Praxis Exams should contact USU Testing Services at 797-1004 to schedule an appointment.

2000-2001 Transfer Students

What schools do USU undergraduate students transfer from? Below is an unofficial ranking of the top 15 institutions, according to the number of students who were enrolled spring 2001 and who transferred to Utah State University during the 2000-2001 academic year.

1. Ricks College (557)
2. Salt Lake Community College (314)
3. Weber State University (276)
4. Utah Valley State College (270)
5. Snow College (261)
6. College of Eastern Utah (151)
7. Dixie State College (113)
8. University of Utah (109)
9. Brigham Young University (106)
10. Southern Utah University (97)
11. Idaho State University (44)
12. College of Southern Idaho (35)
13. Western Wyoming Community College (28)
14. BYU Hawaii (10)
15. Boise State University (10)

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