

Advisor News

Summer Semester 2002

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

Calendar of Events

Utah Advising and Orientation Association (UAOA) Annual Conference
May 23-34, 2002 in Park City, Utah

SOAR Advising Dates
Advising from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Transfer Students
June 10

First-Year Students
June 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27

Success Students
August 20 (Advising at 3:00 p.m.)

For Students Beginning Spring 2003
November 12, 2002

For Students Beginning Summer 2003
March 25, 2003

New Advisor Orientation
August 12, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Main 115)

USU Advising Conference
August 13, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(ESLC 130)

2002-2003 Advising Coordinating Committee Meetings
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in Merrill Library 204. Meetings are open to everyone and will be broadcast through Distance Education to various education centers and extension sites.

September 19, 2002
October 17, 2002
November 14, 2002
December 5, 2002
January 16, 2003
February 6, 2003
March 6, 2003
April 3, 2003

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) National Conference
Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2002 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Nationally Recognized Leader to Keynote USU Advising Conference in August

On Tuesday, August 13, 2002, Utah State University will be hosting its first annual Advising Conference. The conference will replace the traditional advisor workshop held in the fall. Deans and department heads should encourage all faculty and staff who advise to attend the conference.

The keynote speaker will be David S. Crockett, senior vice president of Noel-Levitz. His publications, consulting experience, and conferences/workshop presentations have led to his national recognition as an authority on enrollment management, academic advising, and student retention in colleges and universities.

Dave has performed extensive reviews of the literature and research on academic advising. As an author, co-author, or editor, he has been associated with a number of major academic advising and student retention publications, and has served as editor of several major resource documents designed to assist college personnel in improving academic advising. Many of these documents will be included in the *2002-2003 Advisor Handbook*. In addition, Dave has conducted two national studies on the status of academic advising in colleges and universities.

Dave has conducted numerous national academic advising seminars and has been a presenter at all 25 national conferences of the National Academic Advising Association. We look forward to his presentation at USU.

New Advising Assignments

New professional advisors and/or faculty members who advise and are now the point of first advising contact for students in various majors include: **Erik Burlile** for students in the Culinary Arts/Food Service Management emphasis; **Janette Bayles** for French majors; **Veronica Ward** for the International Relations Certificate program; **Lane Cheney** for

Music (Choral Education) majors; **Peg Petrzela** for Sociology majors; **Anne Berkeley** for Theatre Education Emphasis; **Mark Brunson** for Environmental Studies majors; **John Malechek** for Rangeland Resources majors; **Steve Burr** for Recreation Resource Management majors; **Judy Swaner** for Computer Science majors; **Lauri Beebe** for Distance Education in Milford; and **Robert Peterson** for Distance Education in Vernal. **Heather Thomas** is serving as the Interim Director of the Success Program.

More Office Relocations

Multicultural Student Services has moved to TSC 309, just down the hallway from its previous location. **Student Health Services** and the **Student Wellness Center** have moved into the building formerly occupied by the Western Surgery Center, just north of Romney Stadium. The **Office of Recruitment/ Enrollment Services** has temporarily moved to the space previously occupied by Student Health Services in TSC 102. The **Disability Resource Center** has moved to the ground level of the University Inn.

USU Advising Awards

The following individuals were recognized as Faculty Advisor of the Year for their respective colleges: **Tiffany Day**, Agriculture; **Mary Jo Blahna**, Business; **Marie Walsh**, Family Life; **Michael Timmons**, HASS; **Mark Brunson**, Natural Resources; and **Peter Kolesar**, Science.

The following individuals were recognized at the 2002 USU Robins Awards Ceremony: **Sylvia Robinson**, an advisor in the Department of Elementary Education, was named **Professional Advisor of the Year**; and **Mary Jo Blahna**, faculty advisor in the Department of Management and Human Resources, was named the **Faculty Advisor of the Year**.

Reorganization of the College of Natural Resources

The College of Natural Resources has reorganized into three new departments. The **Department of Aquatic, Watershed, and Earth Resources** includes majors in Fisheries and Wildlife, and Watershed Science. The **Department of Environment and Society** includes majors in Environmental Studies, Geography, and Recreation Resource Management. The **Department of Forest, Range, and Wildlife Sciences** includes majors in Fisheries and Wildlife, Forestry, and Rangeland Resources.

SOAR Registration Holds

SOAR registration holds are cleared only after a student has satisfied both the orientation and advising requirements. Students who have attended a SOAR session on campus will have met both requirements and will have their registration hold cleared by the SOAR Office.

If a student does NOT attend an On-Campus Orientation session, an advisor, after advising the new student, should lookup the student on Screen 148 in SIS Plus. Screen 148 will likely show one of the following two holds:

Hold 91, Orientation and Advising Required. Advisors should add a note to indicate that the student has been advised. It is helpful for the advisor to type in the advisor's name and the date the advising took place. **Advisors MUST NOT clear Hold 91.** The SOAR Office will clear Hold 91 after the following three conditions have been met:

1. Screen 148 indicates that the student has been advised.
2. The first possible date that the student may register has arrived.
3. The student has purchased an orientation packet and has signed up for either Online Orientation or Orientation-by-Mail.

Hold 94, College/Departmental Academic Advising. If a student has met the first two conditions listed above, the SOAR Office will change Hold 91 to Hold 94. **Advisors may clear Hold 94** immediately after meeting with the student.

Advisors who do not have access to update Screen 148 in SIS Plus should e-mail John Mortensen (mort@cc.usu.edu) to request access. The e-mail should include the advisor's name and four-digit SIS Plus operator number.

Coming Soon!

Online Orientation will be available beginning the first of June. Students who are unable to attend SOAR on campus will be able to participate in Online Orientation. These students will purchase an orientation packet through the SOAR Office and will be given instructions about accessing the Online Orientation website.

As part of the Online Orientation, students will be required to answer a series of questions pertaining to University policies and procedures. They will also submit a tentative schedule, which will be forwarded to their advisor. The advisor will respond via e-mail and clear the students' registration holds.

Training will be available for advisors, once the site is running and functional.

Additional University Studies Courses Approved

Since December 2001, the following courses have been approved as satisfying University Studies requirements:

Breadth Physical Science: Phyx 1020 (BPS) Energy (3); Phyx 1030 (BPS) Intelligent Life in the Universe (3).

Communications Intensive: ASTE 5260 (CI) Environmental Impacts of Agricultural Systems (3); Fren 3090 (CI) French Intermediate Written Communication (3); Hist 4730 (CI) History of Black America; (3)MAE 4400 (CI) Fluids/Thermal Laboratory (1).

Depth Humanities and Creative Arts: USU 3330 (DHA) Arts Symposium (1-2).

University Studies Designation Removed

Beginning Spring 2003, Anth/Geog/Soc 5650, Developing Societies (3), will no longer be designated as Communications Intensive.

2001-2002 Transfer Students

Below is an unofficial ranking of the top 18 institutions from which USU received transfer students during this past year. Students were counted if they met the following conditions: (1) They were enrolled at the end of the third week of Spring Semester 2002; (2) Their first semester at USU was Summer 2001, Fall 2001, or Spring 2002; and (3) They had transfer credit posted to SIS Plus. Some students may be double-counted, if they have transfer credit from more than one institution. The numbers also include students who may have taken classes through concurrent enrollment. The numbers do not include students who enrolled in the summer or fall, but were not enrolled in the spring.

New Transfers in 2001-2002

1. BYU Idaho (490)
2. Salt Lake Comm. Coll. (359)
3. Utah Valley State Coll. (312)
4. Weber State University (307)
5. Snow College (277)
6. Dixie State College (137)
7. College of Eastern Utah (126)
8. Brigham Young University (126)
9. University of Utah (114)
10. Southern Utah University (91)
11. Idaho State University (59)
12. College of Southern Idaho (51)
13. Western Wyoming C.C. (37)
14. Westminster College (13)
15. Boise State University (11)
- 16 (tie). BYU Hawaii (10)
- 16 (tie). LDS Business College (10)
- 16 (tie). S. Virginia College (10)

2002-2004 General Catalog

Faculty and staff who have not received a copy of the *2002-2004 General Catalog* may receive a copy by visiting the Office of Advising and Transition Services (TSC 304).

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