University Advisors’ Network  
Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
Capstone Campus Room  
9:30-11:00am,


Welcome & Approval of May minutes  
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Study Abroad  
Chrissie Faupel

- Number of study abroad students for Fall 2019 - 57 CAS, 17 Public Health, 0 Education, 2 Engineering, 13 HRSM, 8 Information and Science, 0 Nursing, 0 Social Work, 87 DMSB, 39 SCHC
- Decrease of 12% overall of students going abroad
- Office starting a new process - workshops –
  - Monday - 10 Money Matters
    - 2 Study Abroad 101
  - Tuesday – 10:30 Top Destination (Spain)
    - 3 Study Abroad 101
  - Wednesday - 10 Top Destination (Italy)
    - 3 Study Abroad 101
  - Thursday – 10:30 Study Abroad 101
    - 3 Program Selection and Application Process
  - Friday – 10:30 Study Abroad 101
    - 3 Peace Corps prep program
- Students are required to attend one of these then have an appointment
- All of this is on the website
- All of the workshops are open to all
- Study abroad 101 for advisors – Sept 20 at 11am - webinar
  [https://webconnect.sc.edu/study_abroad101/](https://webconnect.sc.edu/study_abroad101/)
- International opportunities for advisors – Oct 18 at 11 am - webinar
  [https://webconnect.sc.edu/internationalopportunities/](https://webconnect.sc.edu/internationalopportunities/)
- Global UofSC in Ireland Spring 2020 - open to all but freshmen are given preference;
  - Location Cork or Maynooth
  - Cohort themes – Food and Cuisine
    - Art and Culture
    - Sport
  - Integrated with Carolina core
Regular deadline Oct 1
Interest meeting Sept 20 at 12pm
Program ran through API

- Discussion of the program in study abroad office noon tomorrow with free pizza
- Study abroad fair tomorrow; 11-4 RH ballroom.
- How do you get the parents involved? Start talking at new student orientation; they were of the mind that students were the ones to speak with then realized we cannot ignore parents; invite parents to predeparture meeting and there is a webinar for the parents; sometimes meet with parents
- May have 2 meeting in the department - Unofficial advising happening then the true form comes through; letter of intent- partner companies need form singed which the study abroad office handles
- Asked if anyone checks the course availability because on a few occasions students have put down classes for the wrong semester -- will not go in and check to make sure that the courses chosen are from the intended semester
- Faculty from other programs reach out to the department about a field school experience; should they reach out to whom? Steer them to SA office of approved lists of courses
- Semester at sea must be petitioned to use must link it to their program of study
- Programs not technically approved but a great program called Sea Semester petitioned and approved by their office
- Team is a new provider with unique locations at a good cost
- List of approved companies – on website – located in steps to study abroad and has a searchable table by program name
- Also, they have a one sheet of all companies listed that they can send to the listserv
- Transcript abyss and the posting of the transcript sent to SA then to the registrar; expect 2-3 months for posting; SA can check to see where the transcript is in the system.
- Can we be notified when the transcript has been received?
- Cola 391- international internship – can provide a course with a number then know what the student is going to do
- Rachel Mills – processes all the transcripts for Study Abroad office
- Can SA put a note in navigate when transcript received? Chrissie feels that should be something they can do
- Transcript says TRANSFER with 0 credit – waiting on subject matter expert and that is a placeholder
- Credit conversion guide on registrar’s website

Orientation Recap

- We saw 6400 freshmen May and August; 1900 transfer students May and August
- 461 increase over last summer
- Transfer consistent increase in parents and guests attending orientation
- Feedback evaluations for freshmen and transfer
- Overall questions on survey show that we are doing good
- We are maintaining good results
- Can see your specific college results contact Jackie
• Freshmen numbers are always better than transfer numbers
• Special populations – IAP student and Gamecock Gateway - no changes on how we are handling them
• New population this summer- Palmetto Pathways – was students coming through USC Lancaster and then next summer will be in orientation as transfer students – 54 students were in the program
• Another new program – a full track for veteran students; with unique information for that population will continue
• Orientation leaders – were trained more on your college; anticipate handling this the same way
• There is an orientation survey about how things went this summer that closes October 1\textsuperscript{st}
• January orientation – reservations will open first week of November at noon Nov 4\textsuperscript{th}
• January dates will be 8 (transfer), 9 (freshman), and 10 (transfer)
• In the past, the transfer days were split between the colleges. It is proposed that all colleges see students on all 3 days.
• Last year, we had approximately 200 at each date for transfers and about 50 freshmen
• Next summer orientation – tentative dates coming out Nov. 1\textsuperscript{st}
• Additional freshmen session will probably be early in the summer
• Orientation Leader recruitment application on Sept 30\textsuperscript{th}
• Will send out material for the colleges to send out to the students due Nov 4\textsuperscript{th}
• Question of OL Dress code asked - appropriate length clothing if problem call Bethany and she will discuss it
• If the session cap is full, then it filters to the college to see if it is full. Orientation reaches out to the college to see if they can accommodate
• We were the found by US News and World Report to be the best first year experience
• If you play a part in the summer orientation experience – Thank You

Quick overview by the numbers

• 7978 total number advised
• 4848 worksheets uploaded
• 1926 watched pre-orientation videos
• Major change reporting and adjusting to the online form
• 440 individual major changes occurred in the time between student checking in on day one of orientation and 10am on day 2
• 417 unique student – 23 students made 2 major changes during their orientation session
• 1917 students changed their major as reported by admissions using the online form – this over the course of the entire summer and does not reflect whether the student changed before, during or after their session

Fall enrollment statistics

• 8261 total freshman and transfer enrolled - 6282 freshen 1874 transfer and readmit
• Less than 2\% of all new students enrolled in less than 12 credit hours less than .1\% of new freshmen
• 11\% enrolled in 12-14 hours
• 87\% enrolled in 15 or more hours

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• .35% enrolled in more than 18 hours

**College Change of Major Form**

- Facilitated by Donna Watson and Rachel Bradley
- Change of college form athletics, music, ACM signature on the form
- College of Education still uses it
- Lean committee from 2018 eliminated the form and established the terms of agreement but the Registrar has not set it up yet.
- UAC. College of Arts and Sciences, HRSM, Engineering, and Athletics are not using the form.
- College of Education, School of Music are using the form for every student
- Form is no longer online
- Athletics found that it was not a good thing because everybody does not use it and would make it difficult to explain to NCAA
- Megan says it is confusing about ACM to the student; she is notified when it is taking place; sees a pending change and calls the advisor. She sends an email to the student outlining the ramifications of leaving the major
- Will not vote on it until next month to look into the Terms of Agreement from the registrar office

**Discussion**

**Academic Common Market**

- ACM is a tuition program which grants students from the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) states such as Georgia, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, etc.
- Student must submit an ACM application to their state and UofSC ACM office
- In August, ACM notified that Delaware, Georgia, and Maryland had removed ACM program eligibility for a number of programs.
- State ACM offices reviewed and removed ACM eligible programs found to be 51% or greater similar to those offered at public institutions in their state.
- This review happens annually in most states.
- Students must do the following to remain eligible for the ACM tuition reduction:
  - Remain in their specific ACM approved major and concentration (listed on the ACM Certification of Eligibility)
  - Maintain full and continuous enrollment (fall and spring only)
  - Declare only dual and double majors that are ACM eligible for your state of residence
  - Maintain good academic standing
- Delaware has a May 15 deadline
- Maryland has a June 15 deadline
- Georgia could apply at any point
- Policies for current students are grandfathered
- Approved for a major change to a non-ACM major effective current semester will owe back the money
- ACM has to notify financial aid when a student leaves ACM
• Students have to be fully and continuously enrolled – CAVEAT – internships, study abroad, online courses through Columbia, winter term is fine, summer enrollment
• More caveats are listed on the website
• If the student is following any of the CAVEATS, the student must submit something in writing to ensure they are not dropped from their ACM.

Other Announcements

• Social on Friday at Dodie Athletic Cafeteria from 330 – 5
• Reminder to fill out the UAN survey
• Want to be added to the UAN listserv – go to the UAC website toolbox
• SHCC advising starting Sept 23 seniors, freshmen on Nov. 3 and registering students
• Honors Advisors are completing SEP Plans for only first and second year students. All students no matter the year will have an Advisement Form uploaded in Navigate
• Most arts classes will be 4 credits starting Fall 2020, DW is confused by it all 200-400 level ARTS 260 is staying 3 and the 100 level are staying 3 credits.
• Cognate in ARTS will be 3 classes
• OSP will begin advising before fall break and use the major maps

Adjourn

Next Meetings

Oct. 23rd
Nov. 20th
Dec. 18th