



# The University of Texas at Austin

## Academic Counselors Association

### ACA Meeting

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | 8:30 – 10:00 am | SAC Ballroom (2.410 & 2.412)

**8:15 Breakfast & Networking**

**8:30 ACA Announcements**

1. Advising Expo Event: Are currently reviewing how to run this best in the future, since we had to cancel this year due to weather.
2. Thank you to PDD Committee
3. Vick Award Winners
  - a. Nicki Stinnette
  - b. Alexis George
  - c. Jason Gentry
  - d. Lovelys Powell
  - e. Wendy Boggs
4. Know of Retiring Advisors? Please send us a note so that we can be sure to acknowledge our gratefulness for them.

**8:40 18-19 Core Course List Updates**

*Jen Morgan, Program Manager, UGS Dean's Office*

1. Still waiting on final approval from THECB
2. Specific list of course-changes is listed on PPT slides
3. M 316
  - a. Removed from list since that course is no longer offered
  - b. Questions: Can student's still transfer M 316 for the requirement? Not sure, but they will likely credit it for SDS 301 instead.
4. SDS 301 is now the credit to be claimed for AP exam
5. Government Legislative Requirement: Please see PPT slide for list of various options to complete the requirement.

**8:50 Core Interface Update**

*Shelby Stanfield, Vice Provost and Registrar, Office of the Registrar*

1. IDA Results Display:
  - a. Currently: shows inconsistency with whether or not the core is complete and we want to avoid students taking a course that they do not need to take to complete the core.
  - b. Proposed (please see PPT slide for example):
    - i. the signature course and English composition requirement will appear green and complete,

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but state “no courses used” when the individual is core complete, but has not taken those courses (i.e. those who transfer to UT when already “core complete”)

- ii. Add an exclamation point symbol that indicates “see advisor”
- iii. A note at the top right corner of the audit that indicates who evaluated the student as “core complete” (i.e. Texas State)
2. Concerns that electronic transcripts do not include CBE and/or AP coursework (often ACC and Lone Star College). UT Registrar is communicating with those institutions to include that coursework in the transcript.
3. Questions:
  - a. What about students who transfer a core course in which they earned D? We may have to re-evaluate the IDA display for these individuals.
  - b. What is our role as advisors? Draft will be distributed in March.

9:10

### **Interpersonal Violence Peer Support**

*Bree Van Ness, Confidential Advocate & Peer Advising  
Coordinator, Student Emergency Services*

1. This program was just launched at the beginning of this academic year.
2. Result of a campus climate survey that was conducted.
3. Showed that the majority of student-victims chose not to disclose sexual assault, stalking, and relationship violence at UT Austin to faculty or staff and typically shared with their peers.
4. Students wanted a confidential peer support group.
5. Partnered with Voices Against Violence and the Title IX Office
6. 12 undergrad and grad students went through extensive training to be peers
7. What we do:
  - a. Encourage students to have a conversation about their experience regardless of the specifics of the violence. Could even be a witness to an event or friend of a victim.
  - b. If we are not the best resource, we will refer them to the appropriate resource.
  - c. We are not mandatory reporters. If someone reports violence, they do not have to report to Title IX. We would have to report a threat of harm others or themselves.
  - d. IVPS Peer Supporters
    - i. Emotional support
    - ii. Resources & referrals

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- iii. Reporting options
- e. Confidential Advocates: Bree Van Ness and Breall Baccus
  - i. Emotional support
  - ii. Resources & referrals
  - iii. Reporting options
  - iv. Facilitate academic accommodations
  - v. Housing accommodations (i.e. emergency housing)
  - vi. Financial assistance (i.e. for counseling, STI testing, changing locks, etc)
- f. Make an Appt:
  - i. 512-471-6147
  - ii. [ivps@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:ivps@austin.utexas.edu)
  - iii. SSB G1.408
  - iv. Additional contact information on the PPT Slide
- 8. Questions:
  - a. How does student become a peer supporter? We recruit once per year (early spring semester) since it is a one year commitment. Only qualification is that they must be enrolled as a UT student.
  - b. Is Breall a staff member? Yes, she is a staff member.

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### **Project 2021**

*Jim Henson, Director of Communication Strategy, Project 2021 Development Studio*

- 1. Survey results of student assessment of online courses. Myra Gibbs can give this to you.
- 2. List of Summer 2018 online courses can be viewed on the PPT slides
- 3. List of Fall 2018 online courses also listed on PPT slide
- 4. Question:
  - a. Can we search the Course Schedule for web-based classed? Yes
  - b. Is there a WB category? Yes
  - c. Will all livestream courses be taught live? There are two options:
    - i. Livestream will occur at a set time to log-in and be a live course.
    - ii. On-demand will be prerecorded.

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### **Kinesiology Program and Minor**

*Dr. Tolga Ozyurtcu, Sports Management Faculty*

- 1. New Minor Approved!
- 2. Is a "build your own minor" and is very flexible.

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3. Begins in Fall 2018 (can take any course from KIN or HED while meeting minimum minor hour requirements)
4. There are suggested concentrations (i.e. Health Promotion)
5. KIN courses are often restricted to only majors, but there are other courses that are open to all majors.
6. Question:
  - a. Is it auto-approved? No, you will need to apply.
  - b. Is there a limit of how many can be in the minor? Not at this time.

9:45

### Committee Updates & General Announcements

1. ACA Committee transitions will happen in June in order to benefit large event planning committees (i.e. PDD and Advising Expo Event)
2. ACA Nominations will start next month in April, speeches in May, and transition of next executive committee in June.
3. July ACA Monthly Meeting will be cancelled in order to accommodate the busier orientation schedule that month.
4. Traditionally do not do August Monthly Meeting and will stay consistent with that.
5. Will also call for committee involvement in September for those who want to join in at that point.
6. Fundraising Committee Update: This Friday is a Potluck. Reminder email went out Wednesday.
7. Laura Kaplan in International Office: Presidents Award for Global Learning. Administered by International Office. Students form interdisciplinary teams and can win up to \$25K to study abroad in the summer and will have faculty mentor. Email to ACA listserv went 3/7. Need 3.5 min GPA, sophomore standing. International Office website also has more information.
8. PDD Committee: Thank you for attending PDD this year! Thank you to all of the presenters! Thank you for filling out the assessments.
9. Next month meeting we will have New Student Services to discuss Summer Orientation

### Birthdays:

*February:*

3<sup>rd</sup>: Alexis Kyle  
6<sup>th</sup>: Stephanie Cantu  
7<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Hastings  
12<sup>th</sup>: Damon O'Brien  
13<sup>th</sup>: Arletta Tompkins  
16<sup>th</sup>: Alison Devlin  
21<sup>st</sup>: Jeff Mayo  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Mel Baxter

*March:*

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah McKay  
7<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth LaBate  
20<sup>th</sup>: Emily LaPlaca  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Singer  
27<sup>th</sup>: Sasha Spear  
27<sup>th</sup>: Daniel Zarazua  
29<sup>th</sup>: Alexia Apollo  
30<sup>th</sup>: Marnie Binfield

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26<sup>th</sup>: Cynthia Gladstone

26<sup>th</sup>: Janice Williams

28<sup>th</sup>: Julia Chinnock

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 8:30 – 10:00 am  
SAC 2.302 (Legislative Assembly Room)

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