

Campus Advising Network Annual Report 2008-2009

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The CAN Steering Committee changed our meeting place from the University Food Court to the Union Vending Lounge. The committee found that location to be quieter and more conducive to having discussions. The meeting time was also changed from 12:15 to 1:30 to accommodate teaching schedules. Both changes worked out very well. The committee met on September 11, October 16 and November 13 for the fall 2008 semester and January 29 (to facilitate posting the Advisorgram), March 12 and April 9 for the spring 2009 semester.

Chad Cross revised the CAN website to make it easier for advisors to find information. The committee also set time frames for when the Advisorgram will be posted. The Academic Advising Center (AAC) facilitated two advising training sessions that were held on September 18, 2008 and September 19, 2008. CAN supported this training effort by providing the refreshments and encouraging their faculty to participate. CAN members were also present to answer questions. There were at least three CAN members in addition to Dr. Mary Herrington-Perry and Monica Zeigler at every training session. There were approximately 25 to 30 professional and faculty advisors at each session.

The committee voted to make Chad Cross, the EIU 4 Coordinator, an adhoc committee member. Mr. Cross has kept our website updated and tracks the monthly hits to the website. From August 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 the site had 1191 first time viewers averaging 119 per month and 309 returning viewers averaging 31 per month. Monica Zeigler answered four inquiries generated from the website.

The CAN website now has an updated list of advisors for each department. Each CAN member was vigilant in finding out who was doing the actual advising in each department of their colleges. We will continue to update this information each semester.

The University no longer receives a paper catalog. Incoming students received an updated academic handbook with selected information from our online catalog. Dr. Herrington-Perry made sure that all advisors received a copy of that handbook, which is

also posted on our website. In addition, Dr. Herrington-Perry trained the committee and advisors on U-Select, the new transfer equivalency site that replaced the CAS system. She has also been an available source of information and assistance if there were questions or problems with DARS, our auditing report system.

Dr. Herrington-Perry instituted a Banner/DARs Advisor Training Guide. This will be revised and posted on the CAN website before the fall semester begins. She requested the assistance of the advising community to ensure that all pertinent advising information would be part of this training guide.

The committee has voted to take a more active role in the advising training sessions that are facilitated by the AAC. The academic community needs to view CAN as a resource for faculty advisors as well as professional advisors. Therefore, Dr. Christopher Mitchell, Dr. Christine Chambers and Dr. Julie Dietz have all volunteered to give a short presentation at the advisor training sessions to explain the goal and purpose of CAN.

In addition to the above activities, the committee discussed issues that professional advisors experienced, but feedback had not been solicited from faculty advisors. Hence, CAN members actively discussed those issues and problems with the advisors in their departments and brought that information to the committee. CAN exchanged ideas and information that benefited the entire advising community. This information is shared through Advise ~1 and CAN's Advisorgram and website.

CAN had a yearly budget of \$1000 and an expenditure of \$580 for the 2008-2009 academic year. This included \$195 for refreshments for the advisor training sessions and \$385 for NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) membership dues for six steering committee members and the ad hoc member. Some of the members did not feel that the membership was helpful. This year the members are going to actively look at the information that comes from NACADA to see if it is worthwhile to continue paying for this membership.

Monica Zeigler was asked to continue as Chairperson for another year. Dr. Christine Chambers volunteered to be Vice Chairperson and to maintain the Advisorgram. She will replace Dr. Christopher Mitchell, who will be taking on additional responsibilities as a member of CAA (Council on Academic Affairs) in the fall. All members of the committee volunteered to stay on for another year.

Monica Zeigler is not getting any response from Student Government for a student representative for the committee. The committee decided not to pursue this at this time.

Our committee meetings for fall 2009 will be on Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30pm in the Union Vending Lounge on September 23, October 21 and December 2.

Respectfully submitted by:
Monica Zeigler, Chairperson, 2008/2009
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