

Committee on Academic Advising

March 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Pat Bigley, Jan Bishop, Jalal Butt, Lee Einhorn, Justine Gamache, Jacqueline Guzman, Caroline Marquez, Briana McGuckin, Kevin Oliva, Paul Rossitto, Bin Zhou

1. March 28, 2018 minutes approved.
2. Meeting time for the new academic year set for Thursdays, 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m..
3. Academic advising survey still being edited, but nearing completion; information for advisors, from insights out of past survey, is being compiled and will be useful to advisors next semester even if incomplete for this semester.
4. Jalal shared data and insights from a survey the SGA administered to students (143 respondents).
 - a. Take-aways:
 - i. Half of respondents reported a positive advising experience.
 - ii. 44% report that DegreeWorks is very user-friendly, 25% neutral
 - iii. More than half of respondents found DegreeWorks to make accurate projections.
 - iv. Most students report meeting “rarely” or “seldom” with an advisor.
 - v. 74% of responders do not consider themselves to have multiple advisors.
 - vi. 40% report it is “not at all” difficult to meet with their advisor; 19% were neutral.
 - vii. 19% got “conflicting advice” from their advisors (37% did not, remainder N/A)
 - viii. 24% reported they were given “false information” by an advisor.
 - b. SGA is working on a survey for double-majors, wants to parse data in future by school, and collect longitudinal data on advising experiences.
 - c. Peer advising, and data on peer advising, one solution for helping students to be proactive, seek help.

Respectfully submitted by Briana McGuckin