

University Advisors' Network
Wednesday, December 11th
9:30-11:00am
UAC Training Room (Close-Hipp 3rd floor) or via TEAMS

Attendees: Kerry Armbruster, Rob Arnold, Amanda Barney, Valeria Bates, Lily Benitez, Jillian Bigony, Jane Bouknight, Mary Brabham, Rachel Bradley, Caitlyn Brockington, Della Bryant, LaNae Budden, Chantelle Cayruth, Latecia Cobbs, Kelly DeShazo, Mike Dial, Michaela Donahue, Thomas Drafts, Brian Dusel, Pinkney Epps, Katia Fuller, Travis Gardner, Courtney Godwin, Richard Hartley, Dawn Hiller, Mike Horton, Lane Kennedy, Kristi Kinslow, Melissa Kupfer, Helen Le, Alison Leach Hughes, Xinfeng Liu, Laken Long, Aaron Marterer, Keith Martin, Ali Mathwig, Anna May, Kaitlyn McCanna-Doty, Sabrina McClure, Alexis McGill, Tyler McNamara, Brandi Moore, Caleb Morris, Sheila Mull, Alexis Mynio, Sarah Patneau, Kayla Payne, Jay Pou, Marissa Rittermeyer, Claire Robinson, Lauren Sanborn, Sam Schmoker, Mary Jo Schroeder, Amanda Shores, Brittany Sparks, Alyssa Stephens, Amanda Therrell, Charles Tisdale, Anna Tompkins, Jeff Turner, Heidi Waltz, Sherry Warren, Josh Weakland, Valerie Weingart

Welcome and approval of [minutes](#)

Claire Robinson
Heidi Waltz

- Minutes approved
- Great to have Heidi back in person

Admissions overview

Teresa Florentin

- Recap of 2024:
 - 52231 applied; 7253 enrolled; 3824 SC residents; 3429 non-residents; 4543 females enrolled; 2710 males enrolled
- Freshmen profile –
 - 4.1-4.7 HS GPA; 1100-1320 SAT-SC; 22-30 ACT-SC
 - 1260-1410 SAT – Non-SC; 27-32 ACT – Non-SC
 - SCHC – 4.5-5.1 HS GPA; 1430-1530 SAT; 1%- 5% Class rank; 32-35 ACT
- Top 10 states for our applicants – NY, NJ, NC, VA, PA, GA, MD, MASS, ILL, OH
- Fall 24 Transfer – 3000 applications but admitted 900-1000
- Approximately 600 Female and 500 Male
- Approximately 800 SC Residents and 300 Non-SC Residents
- High percentage of the students are admitted into choice A of their majors
- Popular majors – CAS and BADM are close in numbers, Public Health; Engineering is on the rise; Nursing has truly increased in popularity
- All colleges are up in applications
- Deposit rates are the final tell
- Housing – discussion for class size of 7500. Teresa meets regularly with Housing
- *Claire said Housing will be invited to meet at the UAN in the spring*
- Early acceptances released in early December for instate students

- Registrar and Admissions have a new software called Highland to assist in dual credit reporting software for incoming students to help with having their dual credit showing immediate course articulations.
- Push on getting all transcripts prior to orientation. All work must be in for the roll over to Registrar.
- Questions concerning class size - Admissions talks with Faculty Senate to discuss classroom space, availability of classes, and staffing issues along with parking
- Early decision and regular decisions- question if there is competition for who will be accepted.
- The most competitive students are admitted first
- The cliff trend is not necessarily affecting USC as it is the rest of the country

First Gen Initiatives

LaNae Budden

Melissa Kupfer

- The agenda was to discuss the definition of first generation- USC uses the TRIO definition of First Generation which recognizes any individual whose parents did not complete a baccalaureate degree.
- There is an attribute placed on their record.
- The office does extend their services to students whose parents earned a degree in a foreign country. They do not have an attribute on their record.
- 1/3 of all college students identify nationally but at USC 20% of our students identify as first generation.
- First generation office has become a member of the Network Leader. Membership is by invitation with the required participation of the President and two cabinet members. It is a national model for a holistic student
- Fall 2024 class statistics
 - 20% of the undergraduates are First Generation.
 - 77% are SC residents.
 - 52% are Pell Grant recipients
 - 137 are residents in the First-Generation residence
 - 11.5% are participating in study abroad
 - 55% have the Magellan Journey Grant
- Breakdown of 1st Gen in the colleges:

○ CAS	22.3%	Engineering	22.8%
○ C of ED	27.4%	HRSM	14.8%
○ Music	23.5%	CIC	15.8%
○ Public Health	19.8%	Nursing	22.6%
○ DBADM	13%	Social Work	33.3%
○ Pharmacy	28.8%		
- Their office exists to support students on their journey towards graduation and beyond. They believe our first generation students have great potential.
- Their key attributes:
 - Faculty led living and learning
 - Campus support
 - Robust mentoring and networking opportunities
 - Specialized programs that are academic enrichment
 - High impact practices – research internships

- Basic need support
- Online 1st Gen module; U101 1st Gen sections; EAB will soon have 1st Gen as a resource
- Federal Work Study for 1st Gen
- March 28, 8:30-2, Symposium First Generation Focus
- Mentoring applications will open in March

International Students Support/IAP

**Sherry Warren
Harlan Smith**

- Regulatory imperatives
 - 12 hours are mandatory (IAP office will be checking the first 60 days of the semester)
 - Reduced course load can be allowed for extreme circumstances such illness, diagnosed depression/anxiety, difficulty with English language or last semester of academic program which must be approved by advisor/college
 - Graduation in the International world is a party
- Employment authorization – must be academically relevant and directly relevant to the academic endeavor
 - Must be on the USC transcript
 - Must be academically authorized by a USC authority
 - Must not disrupt or delay program completion
 - If there is no internship or experiential learning requirement embedded in the program, then the Carolina Internship program may be an option for the student.
 - Students may not “volunteer” in an employment like opportunity.
- Sherry Warren will be returning in January to finish the presentation to discuss the IAP students

Advising Technology Updates, UAN Subcommittee

**Jillian Bigony
Kerry Ambruster**

- September 2024
 - Update on digital SEF
 - Farewell to Schedule Planner
 - Attention to CRN registration
 - Beginning discussion of AI in advising
- October 2024
 - Plan ahead to replace Schedule Planner
 - Registration status page is introduced – check for hiccups in the systems
 - DW accuracy and exception management – registrar is pulling a report of types of exceptions
 - Course needs and DW plans
 - Preparing internal survey to assess strategic plans
- November 2024
 - Continue improvements on digital SERF
 - Plan ahead – guest mode requested – in the new system
 - Duo Mobile update challenges
 - Transient credit – overview of administration process requested

- Post Banner 9 – customized pages created since update
- All advisor surveys in development
- Registration dates for the class restrictions worked great
- DW Plans to see how that will impact advising and course needs
- Tech support for Summer 2025 registration pilot

Founding docs update

Amanda Shores

- Still working on Fall 2024 student who still need Founding Documents
- Communication to students and advisors in the spring semester
- DW now has a header for the Founding Documents
- If you see errors, contact Amanda Shores
- There will be a Self-Service tab for Founding Documents
- Do not make any exception for Founding Documents. Amanda Shores will be the only person to investigate making exceptions

Adjourn