INNOVATIVE ADVISING

2017 Advisors Conference
ONLINE ADVISING CALENDAR

Notes
- Students can book themselves in for an advising meeting.
- Advisor can set the times they are available.

Users
- Recreation and Leisure Studies

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Notes
- Students can book themselves in for particular office hours.
- Students can choose which advisor they want to see.
- Students can choose what they want to talk about. This will point them to the correct advisor.

Users
- Science Undergraduate Office

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OFFICE HOUR “TICKETS”

Notes

- Students sign-in and wait in a virtual line for their advising appointment.
- Students can receive a notification when it’s almost their turn.
- Students now don’t have to sit and wait for their turn.

Users

- Computer Science

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Online Advisor Chat

Notes

- Student can log in and ask an advisor questions through instant messaging.
- If advisor is not logged in, student can send their question via email.
- Great for short simple questions, cuts down on back and forth emails.

Users

- Recreation and Leisure Studies

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ONLINE STUDENT FILE SYSTEM

Notes

- All student files are kept in SharePoint.
- Any advisor who is given access can pull the student file from their computer.
- No need to keep anymore paper.

Users

- Geography and Environmental Management
- Recreation and Leisure Studies

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Notes

- All VIF’s submitted by students are entered into their SAS system.
- All instructors from courses that the student missed are sent a notification.
- Instructors can view the form information to determine next steps.
- Data can be quickly retrieved for students with multiple VIF’s.

Users

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PREDICTING FIRST YEAR SUCCESS

Notes

- Compare grades (first try) in certain high school courses with classes they are enrolled in first term.
- Reach out to students with tutor sessions, extra help etc.
- Proactive advising.

Users

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1st Year Mentorship Program

Notes
- Provide first year students with a connection to the community, a friend, a guide, a role model, a mentor.
- All first-year students will be connected with a mentor (opt out rather than opt in).
- Gives upper year students an opportunity to take a leadership role in the academic community.
- Department facilitates the mentoring process. Also hosts program-wide social and academic events.

Users
- International Development
- Knowledge Integration

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CLASSROOM VISITS

Notes

▪ Visits core class in early September as well as after midterms.
▪ Provide an introduction and a quick overview of what they are there for.
▪ Encourage students to come in and chat!

Users

▪ Math Advising office

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FIRST YEAR MID-TERM CHECK IN

Notes

• Faculty engagement officer is sent mid term grades for core classes.
• An email is sent to students who are struggling to come have a conversation with their advisor.
• Chat about success strategies and resources available to them.
• Try and get students in before 50% drop deadline.

Users

• Arts Undergraduate Office

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Notes

- A list of students who are not progressing successfully (5-10% below required grade) is sent from the faculty to the advisors.
- Advisors scan to see if there are students who have been identified multiple times.
- For those identified multiple times, the advisor would invite them in for an appointment.
- Advisors determine the student’s current situation and/or challenges that have had a negative impact on their academic performance.
- An action plan is created with the student as well as reviewing resources available.

Users

- SPHHS advising office

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