



Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors

ARTS AND SCIENCES CENTRAL ADVISING OFFICE

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April General Meeting

"New Directions in Departmental Advising: Exchanging Ideas" is the topic for the next APAC General Meeting; Ken Tokuno will facilitate. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20, from noon to 1pm in Savery 207. The APAC Board asked Ken to follow up on his letter on departmental advising issues printed in the March issue of the APAC Newsletter. This meeting should be of great interest to those in departments, colleges and offices working with departments. Bring your lunch.

Report on February General Meeting

--Lindsay Michimoto

The February APAC General Meeting boasted the largest turnout of the year, as members pondered the question, "What is a professional adviser/counselor?" The panel invited to offer answers to the question included Dick Simkins, Director of Academic Counseling; Herb Costner, Chair of Sociology, and Cherrie Renfrow-Starry, Academic Counselor for Forest Resources.

Dick Simkins presented an historical account of the evolution of academic advising on the UW campus, from the days when advising lay in the hands of faculty and graduate students for the most part, to today, when the balance has tipped in favor of the professional adviser. The shift towards full-time professional advising staff continues to grow, offering a hopeful future to those in our profession, especially when we also consider the recent gains in administrative recognition.

From a departmental administrative point-of-view, Herb Costner expressed his support of full-time professional advising. He confirmed what we have contended all along: that professional staff can provide faculty-quality advising and administrative services, releasing faculty to attend to the priorities set by the institution -- research and publication. Prof. Costner pointed out that although some faculty and administrators may be convinced of the value of professional advisers, they still need to be informed of what advisers do. APAC encourages advisers to do so whenever possible and plans to help its members with strategies to approach their supervisors and inform them of their work.

Cherrie Renfrow-Starry presented a model of an advising system that differs radically from ours. Recently from Purdue, which has a graduate professional training program in student personnel administration, Ms. Renfrow-Starry described a totally integrated system in which training, career opportunities, and professional attitudes are developed and allowed to function in harmony with institutional acceptance and respect. Unfortunately, time ran out before Ms. Renfrow-Starry could finish her presentation. Because several members expressed regret that she could not conclude her remarks and that members did not have the opportunity to ask further questions, the APAC Board hopes to present another meeting during which we can learn more of her experiences as well as other advising systems.

Response to APAC from George Beckmann

The APAC Board received the following letter from George Beckmann. It was dated March 1, 1988, and addressed to the Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors:

"Dear Colleagues:

Many thanks for your good letter of February 16. I am pleased that the University is taking the appropriate steps to recognize the professional status of advisers and counselors. Your participation in these efforts is much appreciated."

Spring All-Campus Advisers' Meeting

It's time once again for the annual Spring All-Campus Advisers' Meeting. This year's meeting will include an address by the new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Fred Campbell; a discussion of the College Studies Program by Hazard Adams; and an explanation of the telephone registration system by Bill Shirey. Also on hand will be the usual delectable array of delicacies. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, from 8:30am to noon, in HUB 309A. Please plan to attend.

Credit for English 181 and 131

You may have noticed in the Time Schedule for Winter Quarter 1988 and for Spring Quarter 1988 that there is no note about credit restrictions for students who take ENGL 131 after having had ENGL 181. ENGL 181 was renumbered and has been ENGL 131 since Winter 1988. However, since there is no note in the Time Schedules to that effect, students who take ENGL 131 Winter or Spring 1988 after having already had ENGL 181 will be allowed credit for both courses. Beginning Summer 1988 students will no longer be allowed credit for both courses.

Computer Science Information Meetings

Students who are interested in majoring in Computer Science may wish to attend one of the information sessions hosted by the Department. Spring Quarter Information Sessions are scheduled for Monday, April 11; Monday, May 9; and Wednesday, June 8. All sessions are from 4-5pm in 422 Sieg. Students should pick up and read a Computer Science Handbook before attending the sessions. Handbooks are available in 114 Sieg.

Update on Satisfactory Progress

Tim Washburn sent a memo to the Faculty Council on Academic Standards in February detailing the chronology of events for implementation of the Satisfactory Progress policy. For those of you interested, the chronology is as follows:

1. Spring Quarter 1987: Policy information letters sent to all premajors with 75 or more credits.
2. Autumn Quarter 1987: Second advisory notice sent to premajors with 75-104 credits.
3. Autumn Quarter 1987: Final notice sent to 1200 premajors with 105 or more credits notifying them of Winter Quarter registration holds if not declared or extended.
4. Autumn Quarter 1987: One week prior to Winter preregistration 300 of the 1200 premajors were still not declared or extended. Staff in the Registrar's Office called students personally to review policy.
5. Winter Quarter 1988: 188 continuing students were unable to register owing to holds placed on their registration records; only a small number actually tried to register. At the beginning of Winter Quarter approximately 40 students still had associated registration holds on their records.
6. Winter Quarter 1988: 300 premajors with 105 credits notified to declare majors before registering for Spring Quarter.

As for the related 210-credit policy, the Faculty Council has approved a measure which would allow for a yearly (Spring Quarter) review of these students (rather than a quarterly review process, as originally proposed). The Faculty Council has also endorsed a measure proposed by former ASUW President Chris Igielski and Professor Frank Alexandro, chair of the Faculty Council, that there be an appeal procedure established for students who are denied extended premajor status.

Counseling Center -- Spring Group Workshops

The Counseling Center is offering an array of workshops for UW students Spring Quarter. They include: Career Planning, An Introduction; Women's Support Group; Separation Adjustment; Unraveling Family Ties

that Bind; Meditation; Dissertation Procrastination; and Expressing Yourself. Groups meet late afternoons and run from 5 to 8 weeks. Interested students should be referred to the Counseling Center, 401 Schmitz, 3-1240. If you would like a flyer to post, contact the Counseling Center at 3-1240.

Adviser of the Year

Please think about nominations for the Adviser of the Year award that will be made at the June 15 APAC luncheon. In the past such criteria as contribution to APAC, campus-wide service and activities, commitment to student advising, and advancing of the profession of advising and counseling have been offered in considering nominations. Make your nomination as you see fit, but be sure to think about the talented and deserving members of our profession. A nomination form is provided on the last page of the Newsletter.

Staff News

You may have noticed a change in editor of the Newsletter this month. Actually, it's the same person. I, ANN TRAIL, committed matrimony in late March. After agonizing a bit over last names, I decided to change mine. I figured that if I can be religious and doubt the existence of God, I can be a feminist and change my name. Besides, I couldn't get Mark to change his name to Trail. (P.S. It's pronounced GAP-on-off.)

History's new adviser is SANDRA WALKER, who used to be the program assistant for the Canadian Studies Program. This is a newly-created professional position.

Nominations for APAC Board

There will be two vacancies for the 1988-89, 89-90 Executive Board (Martha Brasfield's and Kate Nelson's two-year terms expire this spring). You may nominate one or two persons; you will be voting for as many as two persons on the ballot. Please note that there will be time devoted during our May General Meeting to hear from the candidates about their ideas for the future of APAC and the profession. Nominees will be contacted to confirm they are willing to run and to inform them of the May meeting. Use the nomination form below.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate _____ and _____
for the Executive Board of APAC.

signed _____

Please send this form to Lindsay Michimoto, GN-10, by May 16, 1988.

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ADVISED OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate _____ for Adviser of
the Year.

signed _____

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