

Senate Retreat August, 2019

Advising Round Table – Table D

Discussants indicated that effective advising should address the following issues

- Encourage Faculty to embrace changes in advising technology (e.g. MyDegree)
 - Adoption rates by faculty are fairly low
- Encourage faculty to report concerns about at-risk students
- Address inequities in advising loads
 - Advising loads vary both within and between colleges
 - Consideration should consider both the number of advisees and the level of advisee
 - Sometimes additional work is added to advising (e.g., inclusion of ongoing portfolio evaluations)
- Advising Training (possibly during welcome back week) in the following areas:
 - TIP – tuition incentive program
 - MyDegree
 - Forms used in advising e.g., Satisfactory Academic Progress, Athletic Reports, Audit forms
 - Transfer Equivalencies
 - Guest Student Applications
 - Working with distressed students
 - Use of Canvas/Blackboard for advising
 - Working with students dropped for nonpayment or nonattendance
 - Readmission to University following a semester or more absence

It was learned that some colleges have more centralized advising and hold routine trainings/workshops/drop-in sessions for advisors. Advisors in some colleges have made short Youtube instructional videos (some for students and some for advisors).