

UPAC Notes

8.14.19

1. Abby Hammar: Financial Aid Updates
 - a. Pell Grant Recalculation Dates- <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/policies/pell-recalculation-policy>
 - b. Dates Associated with Start of Semester:
 - i. Financial Aid will be disbursed on the 19th
 1. This will also be affected dependent on enrollment
 - c. On-Call Group for Financial Aid Counselors
 - i. OSFA-OnCall- you can type this into your Skype IM
 1. A group of 12 counselors monitor the account
 2. The first week of school might have a longer response, but Abby always follows up with missed messages
 - d. SAP Appeal
 - i. Reasons why a student needs form:
 1. Did not meet checks from spring term
 2. Have to run it at end of summer, too
 - ii. Medical Reason for form
 1. If a student had a medical reason from previous SAP appeals but is not active medical concern now, they will select the other option and identify that they are still making progress from that prior medical concern
 - iii. Advisor Section
 1. Students are informed of why they need the SAP Appeal
 2. Graduation date is important to fill out
 3. Course section now has example academic plan
 - a. Need to specify besides saying "anything"
 4. Advisor Statement
 - a. Identify the plan the student is taking to make progress (the student also needs to explain this in their personal statement)
 - b. What if you don't support the students appeal?
 - i. Left up to your professional judgement; can reach out to the staff
 5. One approved, it can take 3-5 days to process
 - e. Consortium Agreement
 - i. An option for students if they are taking another needed course at a different institution (Pima is the most popular one)
 1. They are in the process of making a consortium agreement FAQ for campus partners
 2. This is not necessarily for students that are transferring a class from Pima or other institution. It is more for students that are needing full-time status (ie-taking 9 units at UA and 3 units at Pima)

- ii. If you have an issue with a student from another partner college, try to get the name from the student so that Financial Aid can reach out
 - iii. Not a guarantee from other colleges- dependent on their judgement
 - f. Financial Aid
 - i. New academic year, so students cannot use their fall financial aid to pay for past due balance
- 2. Advising Awards- Allison Ewing-Cooper
 - a. Presentation attached to email
 - b. Has sent a couple email reminders through UPAC
 - c. Categories:
 - i. Academic Advising- Primary
 - ii. New Advisor
 - d. Form due by Aug 15th
 - i. Nomination form is short
 - e. Nominees
 - i. Have until Sept 15th to submit portfolio
 - ii. Winners announced by October 1st in order to fill out NACADA packet
- 3. Learning Communities- Allison
 - a. Three offered this fall: Tech and Comm, What is an Advisor, Student and Advisor Advocacy
- 4. Updates from ARC- Nicole
 - a. Lunch and Learn
 - b. Wayfinders