

ACN Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2009

Members Present:

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*Orientation Leadership Team (presented by Ericca Rolland, Katie Miota, Toby Deutsch)*

A task force established goals, desired outcomes, and recommendations for freshman orientation, which were taken up by the Orientation Leadership Team. Orientation dates for summer have already been set – there will be only one Saturday and two Fridays among the days this year, as well as a three-week break in July. Mandatory dates for all advisors, schools and programs to be available are Saturday June 27 and Monday June 29.

There are several changes to the daily schedule. Tabling and registration begins at 8:30 am, but one new activity is a school/college meeting from 11-11:30 am. Another change is that there will now be two different sessions of registrations and meetings in the afternoons, although smaller schools and colleges may still have only one. A second table session takes place at 3:30 at the end of the day.

*Liz Van Lysal, University Housing*

3600 students live in university housing, including 2700 first-year students (60% of the freshman class.) This will increase in fall 2010 when Cambridge Commons opens for 700 students. Riverview houses 475 residents, primarily freshmen. Sandburg houses 2800 residents (80% of them freshmen) in four towers.

Housing contract mailings began in January, to admitted students only. The students need to return the contract and pay a \$300 deposit online. The closing dates for contracts occur on a rolling basis, 2-3 weeks after the mailing date. Students also choose room preference and roommates when they return the contract.

Students can cancel without loss of the deposit until May 1. No room assignments or updated prices will be given out until May. Students sign up for a move-in appointment in mid-July. First semester charges are due by August 1; students who haven't submitted payment are canceled on August 7. A comprehensive newsletter is sent out to students and parents in July, and a housing representative is present at all orientations.

The website is [www.universityhousing.uwm.edu](http://www.universityhousing.uwm.edu). Liz Van Lysal can be reached at 229-3253, or [vanlysal@uwm.edu](mailto:vanlysal@uwm.edu)

*Keri L. Duce, Neighborhood Housing*

The Neighborhood Housing Office provides outreach and advice to off-campus students, landlords, and neighborhoods, for about 6000 students. Housing units are not inspected, but students are advised against certain landlords. The office sponsors Housing Fairs and Tour of Homes days.

The website is [www.neighborhoodhousing.uwm.edu](http://www.neighborhoodhousing.uwm.edu), and the site upgrade will be completed by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The site contains a new landlord rating system as well as lists of housing, maps, and other resources. Average rent for students in the area is \$450-\$550 with roommates, \$550-\$700 without.

Another program administered by the office is COAST (Community Outreach and Assistance for Student Tenants.) There are currently 12 COAST leaders, and they function as an on-campus RA for off-campus students. There are 12 COAST blocks located around campus.

Students are referred to the University Legal Clinic to check leases. They are also advised that the City of Milwaukee occupancy ordinance permits no more than three unrelated people to live together. In addition, the office facilitates roommate contracts and discussions. The office is in Union WG85, phone 229-6999.

#### *Seth Zlotocha (Enrollment Services) – PAWS Version 9.0 Demo*

Most navigation, pages, and favorites will remain the same under the new version of PAWS, but there will be new functionality (for students and instructors) and changes to some of the pages. New for version 9.0:

- My Planner page (for students to map out coursework, look at prerequisites and course details, and enroll directly for courses. Advisors can view these planners too.)
- Shopping Cart functionality, for enrolling in classes, in conjunction with the planner
- Degree Program Report access will be available to all degree-seeking undergraduate students now
- New Academic Advisement Reports are planned to be available for fall 2009. Students can enroll for classes directly through the AAR, which will more clearly show completed courses and requirements yet to be satisfied. There's also a new printed format for the AAR.
- Online grade changes will now be available to instructors, on the Grade Roster. Advisors will not have access to this.
- There will be a new place to view placement test results, under "Campus Community."

PAWS will shut down at 4:30 pm on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, with a read-only version available to advisors on March 16<sup>th</sup>. PAWS will be back up at 8 am on Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, after spring break. Please register for demos at [www.pawstraining.uwm.edu](http://www.pawstraining.uwm.edu) – sessions will be held throughout March. There will be several open labs available for demos also, with times listed at the website, on March 25, 26, 31, and April 1 and 2.

#### *Campus Community Reports*

Enhancing Advising Subcommittee

A short survey is being given out to freshmen to gather feedback.

#### *Graduation and Retention Workgroup*

The group met to discuss January's Access to Success conference.

#### *Center for International Education*

The study abroad deadline is March 13<sup>th</sup> for summer programs; about 35 programs are available, and most don't have prerequisites. They can even help students satisfy elective requirements. March 2 is the deadline for semester and year-long programs. SRUP grants are available as well as other grants. Some travel awards are also available for students interested in overseas research or (graded) international internships. March 30 is the deadline for most of these, but some may have earlier deadlines.

The Study Abroad Fair will take place February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Union.

#### *LGBT Resource Center*

Safe Space Training, consisting of two components, is now being offered to groups and departments.

#### *Enrollment Services*

Freshman placement testing starts in March. Regional and UWM test dates are now available.

### Student Accessibility Center

Ann Kowaliczko, new counselor, was introduced.

### Tutoring and Academic Resource Center

Students may be receiving letters from the Early Warning System directing them to seek tutoring help. Students and advisors can access the tutor appointments page online and sign up there at [www4.uwm.edu/tarc](http://www4.uwm.edu/tarc). One-on-one appointments are also available with advisor referrals.

### *Announcements*

Two new advisors are now with the College of Health Sciences: Meagan Schmidt and Alberto Maldonado.

**Next ACN meeting: Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Union 280.**