

## Advisors & Counselors Network Minutes

September 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Location-Collaborate Ultra

Members Present: 90 -105

Welcome:

### 1. CIE Updates: Study Abroad (Virtual Global Opportunities – International Study and Internships) and International Student Services

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#### 1. Study Abroad Updates

1. International travel is on pause, but **there are still study abroad experiences onsite and online.**
  2. The education abroad industry has expanded international virtual study and internship programs for academic credit.
  3. Currently accepting Winterim and Spring 2021 applications through Oct. 1 (as of now). UWM leadership will make a decision about study abroad programs in early October. Students are being advised to have a plan B in case study abroad programs do not run – register for UWM courses and secure housing for that term.
  1. We are hosting our inaugural Education Abroad Week September 14-18, 2020 featuring a 2-day Virtual Study Abroad Fair. All events are free and open to the public. Registration is required for some events. For more information, visit:
    1. **Education Abroad Week:** <https://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/virtual-study-abroad-fair-fall-2020/>
    2. **Virtual Study Abroad Fair:** <https://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/virtual-study-abroad-fair-fall-2020/>
- #### 2. What are virtual opportunities?
1. Online experiences that can serve as a global foundation
  2. Formats can vary
    1. Hybrid
    2. Mostly online with a trip at the end of a trip
    3. Entirely online with remote internship
    4. Some may be offered (or partially offered) in a foreign language
  2. Students can earn UWM elective credit on programs offered by our partners
    1. More information about these programs can be found here: <https://uwmilwaukee.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10354>

2. Can use financial aid to pay for these opportunities. Attend a Financing Study Abroad 101 information session to learn more about how financial aid works in terms of paying for study abroad: <https://uwm.edu/cie/upcoming/>
  3. Course Equivalency approval process: <https://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/academics-2/course-equivalency-approval/>
2. What are the benefits of a virtual international education experience?
    1. Cross-cultural engagement when travel isn't allowed
    2. Students who study abroad earn 25% higher starting salary
    1. Still receiving skills that can help with a future on-line experience
    2. Virtual internships allow students to work on projects for international companies while in the US
    3. Access!!! Cost affective, flexible, fun, and gateway to other adventures
    4. Helps prepare our students to navigate the digital global world
  2. How can Advisors help?
    1. Encourage students to:
      1. Consider study abroad experiences (onsite and/or virtual) and to plan early.
      2. Attend a virtual Financing Study Abroad 101 information session
        1. <https://uwm.edu/cie/upcoming/>
      3. Research scholarships and their deadlines
    1. Begin search on our website
      1. <https://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/financial-planning/scholarshipsandgrants/>
    2. Assist them by:
      1. Discussing study abroad timing and academic planning.
      2. Identifying courses that may be equivalent to UWM.
    1. Encourage your students to schedule a virtual study abroad advising **appointment with our team** (email [overseas@uwm.edu](mailto:overseas@uwm.edu) or call (414) 229-4846).
  - A. ISSS Update – Kevin Beisser [beisser@uwm.edu](mailto:beisser@uwm.edu)
    - a. Office hours
      - i. CIE main office (Garland Hall 138)
        1. Monday - Thursday 10 am – 2 pm
      - ii. CIE Main phone line (414)229-4846
        1. Monday – Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm
      - iii. Immigration Coordinator Advising
        1. Teams/Phone appointments only
        2. Mondays to Fridays, 10:00 am –Noon; 2:00 pm –4:00 pm
        3. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 pm –10:00 pm
        4. Call 414-229-4846 to schedule appointments; if the student does not have access to a phone line, they can email [iss@uwm.edu](mailto:iss@uwm.edu)
    - b. Immigration Status Requirements
      - i. This update is based on current university operation plan. It may change.
      - ii. Most students can study full online course load, inside or outside the US.
      - iii. It's possible some of your advisees are not in the US, including new or continuing students.

- iv. There are a small group of students in the US are required to enroll in at least 3 credits in-person component
  - 1. Not on active SEVIS record in the spring
  - 2. Complicated so please reach out to us if you have more specific questions
- c. Thank you for the support!
  - i. Many International students are experiencing extreme challenges during the pandemic (isolation, travel restriction, financial situation, mental health, etc.)
  - ii. Thanks for your continuing support to International students.

## 2. Community Engagement & Edu. BS

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- A. Core Curriculum Focuses On
  - a. Community-based organizations: how they work and skills for working within them
  - b. K-12 education: core foundations of urban education and students placed at risk\*
  - c. Community organizing and development: how to work in communities and foster change and leadership

\*students do not earn K-12 teacher certification
- B. Focus Areas Include
  - a. Students Placed At-Risk
  - b. Community-Based Organizations
  - c. Community Engagement and Community Development
  - d. Race Relations and Antiracist Education
  - e. Social Policy and Inequality
- C. Overview of the Degree
  - a. 39 Credits in the Major
    - i. 12 Lower Division Credits
    - ii. 12 Upper Division Credits of Required Classes
    - iii. 12 Elective Credits in Educational Policy Department
    - iv. 3 Credits of Advanced Expository Writing
  - b. Other Requirements
    - i. 42 Credits of Lower Division Electives (essentially, anything)
    - ii. 12 Credits of 300-Level Electives or above
    - iii. 24 Credits of General Education Requirements (GER)
- D. Course Options and Credits
  - a. Entire degree can be completed either
    - i. Fully online
    - ii. Almost fully face to face
    - iii. Combining face to face and online
    - iv. Weekend and half-semester course offerings
  - b. Credit Earning Options
    - i. Up to 42 lower-division elective credits for prior professional educational experience (only pay tuition for first 3 earned, the rest are free)

- ii. Military transcribed credits
  - iii. Articulation agreements with multiple technical colleges in human services, business, education, and leadership.
  - iv. Policy accepting non-transferring AAS credits from completed degrees as lower-division credits
- E. Where do Graduates Work?
  - a. 33% in K-12 education
  - b. 31% in Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations
  - c. 17% in Child Care
  - d. 12% in Higher Education
  - e. Sample list of jobs at [www.uwm.edu/ceed](http://www.uwm.edu/ceed)
- F. Key Statistics
  - a. African American Graduation Rate
    - i. Six-year UWM African American graduation rate: 25%
    - ii. Four-year CEED African American graduation rate: 46% (2010-2017 average)
  - b. Student Demographics
    - i. UWM: 7% African American
    - ii. CEED: 42% African American\*
    - iii. CEED: Over 50% underrepresented students of color\*
    - iv. CEED: 77% Female\* \*2009-2018 average
  - c. High Percentage of Students are Transfer Students Looking for Way to Finish Their Degrees
- G. Sub-major Options
  - a. Community based organizations: policy and leadership
  - b. Child and family services
  - c. Child Care

### 3. Transferology

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- A. Replacement for TIS
- B. Transferology.com
  - a. Student facing
  - b. Official resource for transfer information across the uw-system, WI tech college system and tribal community colleges
  - c. Includes information for schools outside WI
  - d. Access via One stop page
- C. Transferologylab.com
  - a. <https://web.uwm.edu/registrar/tools/internaltransfer>
  - b. Admin facing
  - c. Pulls rules directly out of PAWS, updates weekly
- D. What it doesn't do
  - a. Internal equivalencies
    - i. To find internal equiv. use internal transfer lookup at
- E. Transferology lab basics
  - a. Request account at

b. View ACN recording on ACN website for a short tutorial on how to use

#### 4. CPaRC Services, Processes & Virtual Career Fairs

*Lauren Lessac and Olivia Cross*

- A. Supports undergraduates and graduates
- B. Can request appointment on CPaRC homepage
  - a. Both in person and virtual
  - b. [www.uwm.edu/careerplan/](http://www.uwm.edu/careerplan/)
- C. Supporting Students in Choosing & Confirming Their Major & Career
  - a. Career Assessments PLUS Reflection
    - i. MyPlan – four free self-assessments with license code on the MyPlan website
    - ii. Career Cruising – two free self-assessments – students need to contact CPaRC for login and password
  - b. Career Research
    - i. CareerOneStop, ONET, OOH
    - ii. Job postings – Indeed and LinkedIn
    - iii. Informational Interviews and Job Shadowing
    - iv. Volunteer, part-time job, and student organizations
  - c. Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviewing, LinkedIn, UWM Handshake
  - d. Free Professional Clothing
    - i. Working to open mid to late September
  - e. Virtual Career Fairs
    - i. Instructions
      - 1. Complete Your Handshake Profile: <http://ow.ly/IbNX50B4RVs>
      - 2. Register for the Fair: <http://ow.ly/krSO50B4S7f>
      - 3. Sign Up for Individual and Group Sessions to Meet with Employers: <http://ow.ly/bYwn50B4Sja>
      - 4. Participate on the Day of the Event: <http://ow.ly/ielz50B4SL>
    - ii. See website for dates

**\*\* This meeting was recorded and will be posted.**

#### Campus Updates:

**Graduate School:** Kate Negri – retention coordinator and will be attending ACN meetings, graduate school open house is virtual and a series, finalized dates and programs will be announced soon

**Financial Aid Office:** New scholarship program for incoming Fall 2021, Chancellors Merit scholarship, scholarships are more wide stretched on a merit base, GPA 3.4 or higher, 4-year total award amount based on GPA, undergrad admissions → scholarships for more info

**Student Success Center** – Tutoring program, today is the first day of tutoring, we can handle a lot of students, please have them sign up, fill out a special request form on the SSC website

**LGBTQ Resource Center** – majority of the semester will be virtual only, open the first few weeks to catch new students, discord server for social interaction has been popular, homepage for connecting students to discord server or for appointments

**Advising Website Workgroup** - <https://uwm.edu/advising>, new website! Send feedback to Clare Flaurote (faurote@uwm.edu)

**Multicultural Network** – online via collab, event is tomorrow, MCN Open House: Diaspora Dialogue [tinyurl.com/MCNOpenHouse](https://tinyurl.com/MCNOpenHouse) Tomorrow, Wednesday from 12 pm until 1:30 pm.

**Women’s Resource Center** – programming is virtual, working with student parents

**Orientation** – students can register until tomorrow, if you have questions send to Natalie Vang, Thank you for a great orientation this summer, student ID card office is open, items can be mailed,

**Next ACN Meeting:** October 13, 2020 – 8:30 – 9:50, watch your email

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