

Advisors and Coaches Network Meeting Minutes for May 9th, 2023

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Welcome and Logo Reveal by ACN Leadership Team- Welcome to the May 9th, 2023 ACN Meeting! Effective as of today's meeting, our group name is changing from the Advisors and Counselor's Network to the Advisors and Coaches Network. Updates will be made to the website over the Summer months.

Here is our new logo:



The deadline for nominations for ACN Co-Chair and ACN Secretary/Treasurer has been extended to June 2nd, 2023. Both the ACN Co-Chair position and the Secretary/Treasurer position will run for the 2023-2025 term. Please reach out to the ACN Leadership Team to submit a nomination.

Note: Today, we will have a full agenda so we will not have time for our usual Campus Community Announcements today. If your department/unit would like to provide the network with updates, please feel free to send an email announcement through the ACN list email at acn-list@uwm.edu.

Promise Program Update by Kay Eilers and Tim Opgenorth- Kay briefly introduced the Promise Program and introduced UWM Financial Aid Director Tim Opgenorth who provided a quick overview of the Promise Program. (See Wisconsin Tuition Promise Program PowerPoint Presentation on ACN website for detailed information). You can reach out to Tim Opgenorth or Financial Aid Advisor Stephanie Zylka Zientek with questions. Tim began with an overview of student eligibility requirements including WI residency, FAFSA completion, first time full-time freshman or transfer student as of Fall 2023, income level, Title IV eligibility, and employment in the past 12 months. Tim mentioned that the employment requirement is broadly defined and can count both paid and non-paid work. He noted that students answer a yes/no question on this in an activity guide located in PAWs. Tim also talked about ongoing eligibility including FAFSA completion, meeting Title IV eligibility requirements including SAP, and, continuous enrollment in Fall and Spring semesters. Tim noted that Freshmen are eligible for four years of coverage, and transfer students are eligible for two years of coverage. Tim also noted that the Wisconsin Promise Program is a last dollar grant so it gets applied after other grants such as the Federal Pell Grant and WI Tuition Grant are applied first. Tim also noted that eligibility requirements are set at a UW-System level. Tim also talked about how students often make adjustments to their schedule and how they make frequent changes to FAFSA. He noted that these changes require continuous award processing to keep up with the changes. Tim noted that if students' circumstances change, they should reach out to Student Financial Services so their award adjustments can be made. He also noted that if a student is on their first semester at UWM, and initially they did not qualify for the Wisconsin Tuition Promise grant, but their circumstances change during the first term to make sure they reach out to Student Financial Services before the end of the first semester.

International Student Services by Kevin Beisser, Ying Hu, Sharon Kaempfer, Lauren Rado – The ISSS team highlighted a variety of key points for the Center for International Education’s International Student and Scholar Services (CIE-ISSS) Office. (For more detailed information, see the ISSS PowerPoint presentation on the ACN website). You can also find related content on the ISSS website:

<https://www.issconnect.uwm.edu/> Kevin and other members of the ISSS team provided a brief overview of enrollment requirements for international students including full-time enrollment for Fall and Spring and mostly in-person courses. The ISSS team noted that more details can be found on the CIE website. They noted that these requirements apply to students who are on F-1 and J-1 visas. The team talked about some limited options or less than full-time enrollment and the authorization that is required for this. They specifically talked about when students are on their final semester of college, and they may only need a few courses for their degree. Regarding in-person and online courses, they noted that hybrid courses are considered in-person due to how they are coded in PAWS. The ISSS team also talked about how international students can participate in internship experiences through Curricular Practical Training (CPT) (while still enrolled in classes) and Optional Practical Training (OPT) (after course work is completed). The ISSS team note that students looking for these practical training experiences are required to go through workshops. The team noted that Advisors can check out the workshops through the following links. ISSS also sent an email through the ACN list including information and workshop links back in February 2023: [CPT Workshop](#) [OPT Workshop](#) . This information can also be found on the ISSS website. The team talked briefly about ISSS Connect Portal that students use to manage/submit immigration documents and the Advisor/Approver forms. They then talked about arrival requirements including the mandatory arrival check-in, the New Student Orientation (general campus orientation, and the F-1/J-1 two-part International Student Orientation which includes a Canvas course (required) and optional in person session. If ACN members have questions, they can follow up with the ISSS team.

New Student Programs Updates by Mike Dixon and Hannah Menzel- Mike and Hannah provided a brief overview of New Student Orientation, Transfer and Adult Student Orientation, and the Panther Transition Days (previously known as PAWD and TAWD). (For more details, you can view the PowerPoint presentation on the ACN website). They also noted that right now Alyssa is out on leave and will begin to return part-time in July. They also noted that they are currently preparing for open forums for an Orientation Transition Coordinator, and that information about forum dates should be coming soon. Hannah talked briefly about how transfer and adult students are required to complete an online orientation, and they have the option to come to an in-person orientation during Summer. Hannah briefly shared a slide that outlines the schedule for the (optional) in-person transfer student Summer sessions. It was also mentioned that there will be Panther Transition Days in late Summer, and that these days will include a variety of sessions that students can attend. The date for the Transfer and Adult Student Panther Transition Day will be August 28th, and the date for the traditional Freshmen Panther Transition Day will be on September 1st. Hannah noted that the Panther Transition Days will include online content that is mandatory (ex. FERPA, Title IX, free speech,...). Hannah noted that she will send out an email through the ACN email list with information about the orientations and transition days.

Advisor of the Year Committee by Maggie Flath and members of the Advisor of the Year Committee- This year’s nominees for Advisor of the year include Kate Masshardt, Hillary Vara, and Gaby Dorantes. Advisor of the Year Committee members shared nomination details for each nominee. This year’s 2022 Advisor of the Year Award recipient is Gabriela (Gaby) Dorantes, Advisor and Multicultural Student Success Coordinator through the UWM Roberto Hernández Center. Congratulations Gaby! Congratulations to all of our nominees this year!