



Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Overview

The Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (AVPAA) supervises several of the Academic Support units, notably Academic Advising, Learning Center, Registrar, Native American Consortium, and International Education. The units interact with vast numbers of students during any given day of the academic year. The units are 12-month offices with a consistent work flow pace throughout the academic year. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Melinda Karnes supervises these areas.

The AVPAA also serves as “unofficial Dean” for the 600 to 700 students in the 25 undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies programs, the 200 to 300 undeclared students with Liberal Arts status, the 100 to 150 students in the Honors Program, and all undergraduate students taking general education (College Core Curriculum - CCC) courses. The interdisciplinary programs are supervised by 21 coordinators who plan events, develop curriculum offerings, and advise the students in their particular major/minor programs; the Honors and CCC programs have directors who function in approximately the same capacity. The Academic Advising office provides services, seminars and advising to the undergraduate Liberal Arts population and coordinates advisement for the incoming freshman and transfer students.

Highlights

- Over three years, SUNY Fredonia has more than doubled the enrollment in the Interdisciplinary Studies major and minor programs. The coordinators typically exceed the enrollment goals for each entering freshman class.
- The International Education Center reports steep increases in international student enrollments and applications for study abroad ventures.



A group of College of Education students with two faculty advisors, Mrs. Ellie Reddy and Dr. Kate Mahoney, traveled to Belize during J-Term 2009 to work in Belizean schools with students and teachers.

- A new Museum Studies minor has been added to the Interdisciplinary Studies program.
- The Honors Program again exceeded the previous year’s applications. SUNY Fredonia has over 60 Honors students entering the freshman class each year.
- The Learning Center reports record numbers of tutoring sessions and exam accommodations for students with disabilities.
- Journalism and Sports Management became stand-alone majors during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Planning Assumptions

Planning assumptions used in the development of the 2009-2010 budget for the Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs include the following:

- Full funding for existing positions.
- Funding for replacement of one of the three vacant positions in the Registrar’s Office.



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- An increase in the number of international students attending classes.

Operating Budget

The 2009-2010 budget will allow the Office of the AVPAA to continue to make progress toward various program goals. Continued funding for the various interdisciplinary programs will allow for certain highly enrolled majors (i.e. Music Business, Environmental Sciences, and Exercise Science) to move into a “home” department and be more visible to incoming students. Continued collaboration with the College of Natural and Social Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities will assist in the smooth transition of these programs.

The budget will also provide assistance for the various support unit 2009-2010 goals. International Education will be working with Admissions to increase the level of international student recruitment for both undergraduate and graduate programs. The Registrar is working with Institutional Research and Planning to provide SUNY with the latest changes in Banner-reporting data. Academic Advising will continue to provide resources for the Liberal Arts undeclared population on campus. The Native American Consortium Office, while managing its own restricted budget fund, are planning for campus recruiting and academic events. The Learning Center continues to see an increase in the numbers of Disabled Support Services (DSS) referrals and tutoring services for the campus.



The Academic Advising office provides services, seminars and advising to the undergraduate Liberal Arts population and coordinates advisement for the incoming freshman and transfer students during Summer Orientation.