

UAN December 13th Agenda

9:30am – 11:00am

In-person: University Advising Center training room, Close-Hipp 3rd floor

Via TEAMS: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Attendees: **Rob Arnold**, Valeria Bates, Lily Benetiz, Jillian Bigony, Jane Bouknight, Mary Brabham, Rachel Bradley, Heidi Bretz, Della Bryant, Chantelle Cayruth, Latecia Cobbs, Kelly DeShazo, Mike Dial, Nora Dragovic, Brian Dusel, Lauren Epps, Pinkney Epps, Travis Gardner, Courtney Godwin, Marci Heidt, Dawn Hiller, Mike Horton, Shamauri Jenkins, Sarah Jusiewicz, Lane Kennedy, Kristi Kinslow, Tamara Kuykendall, Helen Le, Xinfeng Liu, Laken Long, Aaron Marterer, Keith Martin, Anna May, Kaitlyn McCanna-Doty, Sabrina McClure, Caleb Morris, Melissa Lowe, Ali Mathwig, Chris Miller, Alexis Mynio, Connie Outen, Kayla Payne, Jay Pou, Lauren Sanborn, Sam Schmoker, Amanda Shores, Jordan Simmons, Brittany Sparks, Alyssa Stephens, Catherine Studemeyer, Amanda Therrell, Nancy Tolson, Anna Tompkins, Heidi Waltz, Josh Weakland, Gray Williams, Vivianna Williams

Light breakfast and coffee available

Welcome and review of [October UAN minutes](#)

**Heidi Waltz
Claire Robinson**

FAFSA update

Joey Derrick

- Free application for FAFSA structure
 - Reduced number of questions from 108 to 36
 - Now structured for contributors rather than one time completion
 - Can now be sent to a maximum of 20 schools.
 - IRS data sharing agreement much more robust, with consent required to be considered for Title IV aid
 - Current sequence is linear but changes make it more fluid
 - Must be finished in 45 days or will be deleted – this is a concern – this is a concern for the our office
- Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - Changes
 - Removal of the number of family members in college from the eligibility calculation
 - The possibility for an SAI to be a negative number, with a minimum SAI of -1,500 instead of zero
 - Elimination of the Simplified Needs Test (SNT) and Auto-Zero calculations, which have been replaced with similar calculations
 - Can now see what causes this calculations if caused by financial causes or loss of parent in line of duty
 - Dependent student – parent contribution from income and assets + student contribution from income = student contribution from asset
 - Sources of income – AGI, deductible payment, tax exempt interest, untaxed portions of IRA distributions, foreign income exclusions – all on your tax return

- Allowances against income – taxable college grant and scholarship aid as income, education credits, US income tax paid, employment expense allowance, Federal work study
 - Contribution from assets – cash, savings, checking, net worth of investment, adjusted net worth of business/ farm, annual child support,
- Pell Grant eligible – old way -EFC leads to Cost of Attendance leads to hours of enrollment leads to Pell Grant but the new way is driven by number of household and income; new pathway is highly confusing
- Pell Grant is the most uncertain part of the changes
- Most models indicate that Pell Grant awarding will increase by 15-30%. However, these are models based on numerous assumptions. We should take this as information but not necessarily fact.
- Not sure how Congress will fund this
- 2024-2025 Aid year system configuration (Banner, SSC, Data Warehouse, etc) (Oct – Jan) then Load 2024-2025 FAFSAs (Feb – May) then award 2024-2025 Aid (April 1)
- Don't know how many follow-ups needed. Banner delays because department of education is not answering questions.
- Financial Aid does not have the same issues in Banner. There is in a separate module so if they cannot log in that is their problem. When the system is slow or stops the updates that run at night.

Basic Needs Coordination

**Rachel Brasell
Alisa Liggett**

- Why are basic needs positions on college campuses suddenly everywhere?
 - Grocery, affordable housing, more first gen, more international, etc – driving the basic needs
- Trends in student intersectionality and effects on basic needs – international students have backing but after getting here they find they need more resources
- Who we serve and how much – have a lot of military, graduate students, and international students
- We have now a Unity Shop – get diapers, clothing, etc.
- Everyone is eligible to use the Unity Shop. It is a supplement for all.
- Continuum of needs for students and staff – if a student needs more meal swipes, if student cannot make their electric bill they might need help
- Rachel Brasell has a MSW and is going to help figure out what the student needs.
- What does the Gamecock Community Shop offer, and how did we get here? There is a form online for the student to fill out. Put what you need. Pay attention to little statements that students make
- How you can help professionally and personally – there is an Amazon wish list or make a cash donation; all donations are going to the students and faculty
- Resource for all students
- It is in the Coliseum on the ground floor. Students run the shop.
- Working on payroll deductions and endowments funds transfer

- Website - https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/student_affairs/our_initiatives/health_and_well-being/gamecock_community_shop/index.php

MBA direct-from-undergrad program

Dr. Abhijit Guha, DMSB

- One year MBA program
- Allows high achieving USC alums to obtain- directly after graduation – an MBA in under a year.
- Improve immediate job prospects/attractive ROI**
- OMBA coursework – Five 7-week semesters, rigorous core classes, electives leading to functional specialization, business analytics certificates
- DMSB coursework Career management/ROI, world class faculty, DMSB brand, DMSB alums
- Contact – mba@moore.sc.edu
- Website – <https://sc.edu/moore/mba>
- Look at application, quantitative skills (do not need calculus) (stat classes are good), letters of recommendation, transcript, test scores (GRE or GMAT), interviews (by invitation)
- No application deadline, when he has 60 applications then the application will close

Student Disability Resource Center

Sonia Badesha

- Our active students for spring semester are over 3000.
- Top 3 ADHD, mental health, learning disability, along with dual diagnosis
- Handle any student with disabilities
- There is a separate office to handle temporary disability such as a broken leg, etc.
- Foreign language is required, and they encourage students to take the exam sooner than later. Will send a pass/fail letter to the Dean's office. They cannot be made the last semester. Hearing impaired students are the most common ones to request exemption
- Reduced credit load – work with financial aid because it impacts all the aid. This is where they take less than full time load
- Early registration – cannot do any overrides or holds. Only for the major classes which is for the week before registration opens. It is following the student classification example if your normal date would be Wednesday because you are a sophomore then early registration will be Wednesday before.
- Top 3 majors – business, psychology, nursing

Announcements

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- Spring UAN meeting dates and Advisors' System Conference
- Conference Feb 16th
 - Dr. Laurie Schreiner is keynote speaker
 - Spring 2024 UAN dates – Jan 17, Feb 21, March 13, May 8

Sara McConville

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