



Faculty Advising


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Outline of Session

- PollEverywhere Q & A
- Common advising issues
- Tips for advising
- Recommendations for campus-wide advising



What are some common issues in advising?

- Students only want PINs
- Forms and Policies are often changing
- General Studies (who can understand them)
- Sequencing of courses

What is your perception of advisees?

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What is your perception of advisees? **Fairmont State faculty**

- Afraid: Uncertain of questions to ask.
- Advisor as problem solver, not necessarily mentor.
- Uninformed of advising process.
- Hard working, lives outside of school.
- Misinformed



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- More time consuming than expected.
- Lacking resources and information to do advising well.
- Frustrating, students not responding/resources not available.
- Advising essential for student success.
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- It is something that faculty will just figure out without training.




What do you think faculty advisors need to know or be trained to do?



What are some ideas for communicating the value of advising to faculty advising?



**What is your favorite part of advising? Most frustrating? ex.
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What is your favorite part of advising? Most frustrating?

- Fave=When they get into Pharmacy School.
- Fave=Interacting with students in a different way outside of class.




What counts as Electives?

- 15 to Finish
- Financial Aid constraints
- General studies



What is the importance of Degree Works and/or advising notes?

- Record keeping
- Graduation requirements
- May be used by financial aid



How does my institution interpret academic policies?

- Time constraints
- Procedures
- Ripple effects

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What are a few tips?

- Prepare for the appointment
- Pull up the advisee's test scores and transcript
- Email your advisees
- PIN Codes/Registration Holds



What are some additional tips?

- One day FERPA form
- Develop a contact list for common questions
 - Professional advisors in the departments
 - Contacts in key departments across campus
- Use the academic catalog



What would be helpful for faculty advisors?



What are your tips to make advising easier or more efficient?

- There is no specific/precise way to advise.
- Communication plans
- General Guidelines for Advising



What are some recommendations for areas in need of help?

- Supporting and valuing advising efforts
- Establishing expectations
- Departmental or 1:1 advising trainings
 - Registration help
 - Calculating GPA/Financial Aid
 - Verbiage for difficult conversations