Brainstorming Ideas

Best practices at other colleges – do not reinvent the wheel

What is the best way of advising and registering – walk in any time – does this work; walk-ins vs. appointments; make it easier for students to make appointments – use technology for this purpose

Advising happens all year

Advising is a means to an end – retention and student success

New students vs. continuing students

How to be a college student

Survey of students

Banker hour mentality – we need to get out of this. More evening hours; later hours until 9:30 or so

No obligation for faculty to be here in summer. How to deal with this.

Structure of academic advising. If advising is faculty driven, advising director needs to be under the academic dean.

Encouraging new students to register earlier

Encourage returning students to see advisor and register before they leave campus in spring

Getting students to make payment so they do not have to be advised twice.

Specific days for specific advising – transfer advising, new student advising, etc.

Timeline of what needs to happen when; better communication with students – use of Blackboard

What are we doing well and not so well?

Paying people to advise in the summer

Central repository for advising information

What can we do to reinvigorate faculty investment in advising?

Assignment of students to advisors they know – i.e. a faculty member they have in their first semester

Placement testing and multiple measures – are students correctly placed; do they have the right prerequisites? What if they register before passing the prereq and then they fail it?

Regular accepted student report sent to program coordinators

Great attention to first year students

College success class for all general studies students

Are we comfortable with saying ‘no’ – we cannot register you now but we can make an appointment for you.

Holding faculty accountable for advising – incentivize those advisors who are doing it the right way and applying sanctions for those who do not

Should we allow all students to register online

Virtual advising; phone advising

Market to students for early action on admissions, FAFSA, registration