

On behalf of the Advising, Registration, and Retention Task Force, here is a detailed update of what we have accomplished going into the next advising and registration cycle. **We will need your support for certain dates/registration events on the summer registration calendar so please take a look at them and assist where you can.**

1. **Hiring of 5 paid EA's to support the advising team:**

Ritu Mehra, former MxCC student, current UConn student, current ASC EA
Emily DeToro – current English adjunct Instructor
Chrystal Shoup – current Psychology adjunct Instructor
Prof. Mark Busa
Carolyn Innocenzi

They will begin on May 17 and 18 with comprehensive, updated and rigorous paid training. We have a limited financial resources so that funding will only support an additional 25 hours/week (average) during the peak advising period of the summer. We plan to manage that money/their hours as wisely as possible. Congratulations to them; we look forward to working with them!

2. **Coordinated Accuplacer Testing and Registration cycle calendar –**

(see attached)

The new hybrid advising and registration plan this summer will include:

a) **Four Program Coordinator and TAP Advising sessions.** Two in May and two in July.

Tuesday, May 22 is the STEM session from 10am -2pm

Wednesday, May 23 is the SNOW school of programs (Humanities +) from 10am – 2pm

Tuesday, July 24 is the STEM session from 3pm – 8pm

Wednesday, July 25 is the SNOW school of programs (Humanities +) session from 3pm – 8pm

b) **9 Open Registration Sessions are scheduled for:**

Tuesday, June 26 10am – 3pm

Thursday, July 19 12-8pm

Thursday, August 2 at 11am - 3pm @Platt

Thursday, August 9 12-8pm

Saturday, August 11 9am -2pm (Super Saturday)

Tuesday, August 14 from 12-8pm

Tuesday, August 21 11am -7pm

Wednesday August 22 3-8pm @ Platt

Monday, August 27 - Meriden Student Registration @ Platt 2:30pm 7pm

Friday, August 24: High School Partnership 2-4pm

Monday, August 27 Senior Registration 10am – noon

c) **5 New Student Acceptance Days**

Thursday, June 28 from 10am – 2pm

Wed. July 11 from 1-5pm
Tuesday, July 31 from 2pm – 6pm
Wed. August 8 from 10am – 2pm
Friday, August 17 1pm – 5pm

d) **One-one advising appointments scheduled through the college Academic Advising website.**

3. **April Advising training sessions:** Three were held in April on consecutive Fridays, the 13th, 20th and 27th. Five faculty and staff participated. Thank you to Victor Triay, Angelo Glaviano, Carolyn Innocenzi, James Quinlan, and John Ambenge for participating. We found your input to be very valuable as we reshape our advising program. We will continue to develop additional training, provide helpful advising materials and evaluate our new process.
Content included: the A, R & R Task Force recommendations, models of Advising for today's students: "Using the Proactive approach," CCCSE 2018 national Report "Show Me the Way – the Power of Advising in Community Colleges," Guided Pathways update, update on the new registration process and documents. and good discussions.

4. **New Student Advising and Registration checklist**

Work in progress to be completed by May 15 includes:

1. A New Student Advising and Registration booklet detailing post-Accuplacer steps to prepare for the advising appointment, registration and payment
2. Updated advising website for students to make their advising appointments
3. Revised and Updated Advisor Resource manual and online toolkit
4. EA training agenda

Hiring a Director of Academic Advising is also on the work in progress list but hopefully will conclude in time for a July 1 start if not sooner!

Guided Pathways update: Sara Brinckerhoff (Choice Architecture), Diane Bordonaro (Recruitment Architecture) and I (Support Architecture) have been attending our sub-group meetings throughout the past two months. We are planning to share updates at the next Assembly meetings. The **Choice team** has been working on proposing 5 Meta-Majors, Maps and Plans, 15 to Finish, collaborative Scheduling and Developmental & Transfer level Math & English. That group is looking for additional faculty.

Recruitment broke into 3 subgroups:

Interest to connection – Marketing

Connections – the application process

Post-Connection – the post application process. They studied each college's barriers to the "connection" process.

Support has been discussing academic advising, mandatory academic plans, how to monitor student progress and how to provide appropriate intervention and support at critical times. Last week's meeting focused on wrap-around and support services. This "Holistic support" work team is seeking membership from each campus interested in inventorying needs and services and centralizing protocols for each institution related to: food insecurity, behavioral and mental health, housing, emergency funds, books, transportation, childcare and other related areas.

Additionally, we have been providing feedback to the other groups, including the FYE (First Year Experience). Donna Bontatibus sent an email out recently referencing that group's work.