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The Advising Alert

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QUIET CAMPUS ADVISING OFFICES

Have you noticed that your advising centers are surprisingly quiet? Do academic advisors around campus seem to be working with fewer students than usual? Not only has the Student Advising Center noticed low student traffic, but according to the Advising Council Liaisons, the departments are also experiencing low numbers of students seeking advising. While some advisors welcome the advising lull because it gives them time to work on other important projects, others are more concerned.

One of the greatest concerns about the lack of students currently seeking advising is that the students will rush in for advising

in April and May when the summer and fall course schedules are posted online. When too many students seek advising at once, they overwhelm our advising offices, reducing the likelihood that students get the time and attention they need. Furthermore, when students only drop in to select classes, they miss out on the valuable long-term planning and mentoring that advisors can offer.



Therefore, many departments are seeking ways to increase their advising traffic now to prevent a rush later. The Student Advising Center has sent a message to students to come in for more in-depth graduation planning. Does your department have a great way of increasing student advising during down times? If so, please send an email to us to share your ideas with other advisors in the blog or in the next *Advising Alert*. Remember: the Summer 2009 class schedule will be posted on April 1st, the Fall 2009 class schedule will be available on May 11th, and Probation holds will be placed soon.

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATION

March 1st, the priority deadline for August and December graduation has come and gone for 2009. Does this mean that students planning to graduate in August or December 2009 are no longer able to apply for graduation for those semesters? No, students are still able to apply for August and December graduation, but they will not receive the priority registration that graduating seniors enjoy, and their graduation worksheets that detail their remaining requirements are not guaranteed to be completed prior to registration for the graduation term. Therefore, students need to remember that after achieving 90 units, they should apply for graduation one year prior to the anticipated graduation term to receive priority registration and to prevent any delays in processing graduation worksheets.



REGISTRAR SERVICES WORKSHOPS

Would you like to stay current on important policy updates and changes related to Executive Order 1037 on repeats, incompletes, and withdrawals? Do you want to know more about grading, academic standing, and reinstatement? The Office of the Registrar will offer workshops to help advisors stay updated and informed about important changes in academic policies.



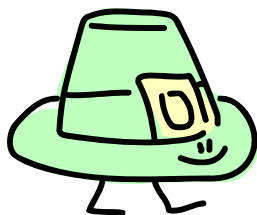
The workshop schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 7	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Engineering Building (ENG) 285
Tuesday, April 14	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Engineering Building (ENG) 285
Wednesday, April 15	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Engineering Building (ENG) 285
Wednesday, April 22	1:30 - 3:30 PM	Engineering Building Auditorium room 189
Thursday, April 23	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Engineering Building (ENG) 285

These are very informative workshops that will provide advisors with an opportunity to ask specific questions.

LATE DROPS

In the Student Advising Center, it seems that the Late Drop Request forms are being submitted in greater numbers each day. Midterms are in full swing, spring break is imminent, and students sometimes have trouble focusing on their studies in a consistent manner. Students often think that a late drop is a quick and easy process; it is not. Instead, when students want to late drop from a class, they must submit the request, secure the instructor's signature, write a personal statement detailing the reason for the late drop, and provide documentation that supports the personal statement. Once the form has been submitted, a decision will be made by a committee. Students should allow 1-2 weeks for the decision. Students should also be aware that late dropping may result in payment of fees or repayment of financial aid.



Advising Tip of the Month

Looking for a form or page on SJSU's website, but can't remember how to navigate to the site? Visit the Advising Hub's Student Resources page. If it's related to advising, you are likely to find it there. <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/resources/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27

Spring Break (no classes)

Tuesday, March 31

Cesar Chavez Day – Campus Closed

Tuesday, April 1

Summer 2009 Registration Appointments posted on mySJSU
Summer 2009 Schedule of Classes available at <http://info.sjsu.edu>

Saturday, April 4

WST Exam (Registration deadline was March 12, 2009)

Tuesday, April 7

Last day for prorated refund for complete withdrawal from the semester

Monday, April 13

Summer 2009 Advance Registration begins

Friday, April 17

Transfer Information Program (TIP)

Friday, May 1

Transfer Information Program (TIP)

Monday, May 11

Fall 2009 Registration Appointments posted on mySJSU
Fall 2009 Schedule of Classes available at <http://info.sjsu.edu>

Wednesday, May 13

Last day of instruction – Spring 2009
Last day to submit Late Drop Requests
Last day to submit Withdrawal Forms

EOP CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

On March 7-9, 2009, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) across the CSU system celebrated its 40th anniversary at the EOP Conference in the Sacramento Doubletree Hotel. With a focus on promoting student leadership and empowerment, as well as on celebrating the program's successes, the conference included speeches by Senator Gloria Romero, Managing Principal Tom Brown, and motivational speaker Wil Cason. The conference also hosted a gala and over 60 different conference sessions on topics including developing support programs for foster youth, using StrengthsQuest in counseling, raising capital for scholarships, promoting student leadership, and re-establishing EOP at SJSU.

Emerging from the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's, EOP was developed from a student-led campaign to provide greater access and equity to higher education for low income, first generation students from historically disadvantaged backgrounds (<http://webapps2.csus.edu/saseep/eop40th/callproposal.asp>). Today, EOP exists in various different forms on 22 of the CSU campuses and provides a range of services including advising, counseling, mentoring, and Summer Bridge to participating students. Although EOP students often have more educational barriers than non-EOP students (including work and family commitments, lack of role models, etc.) some Educational Opportunity Programs across the CSU system have higher student retention rates than their host campus because of the

services they offer.

EOP has faced many political and economic challenges over the past four decades, and the conference celebrated not only 40 years of excellence, but also 40 years of perseverance, 40 years of leadership, and 40 years of staff, faculty, student, campus, and community support. Because of the good work EOP does for students, the program has been well worth the fight.

For more information on EOP's 40th anniversary conference, visit

<http://webapps2.csus.edu/saseep/eop40th/default.asp>



Left: EOP's 40th Anniversary logo
Above: EOP Directors and other administrators.
(<http://webapps2.csus.edu/saseep/eop40th/directors.asp>)



ACADEMIC PROBATION HOLDS TO BE PLACED

With Summer and Fall registration just around the corner, the placement of probation holds is around the corner, as well. Each semester, students with a cumulative GPA or SJSU GPA below 2.00 are placed on academic probation. This means that if the GPA of a student on probation falls below the specified limit for his or her class level, the student will be academically disqualified from SJSU. Therefore, probation holds are placed as a proactive measure to ensure that students on probation get proper advising before registering for classes to help them avoid disqualification and ultimately to be successful at SJSU.

Once the holds are placed, students will receive a message through mySJSU with instructions for how to have the hold removed. Their options may include: attend a probation workshop offered through the Student Advising Center (SAC), see a major advisor, see a counselor in Counseling Services or for undeclared students, see an advisor in the SAC. The decision about who to see to have the hold released should be based on students' individual needs. Additionally, when students work with advisors individually or in groups, advisors should keep in mind that under Academic Senate policy F96-11, undergraduate students on probation should not register for more than 12 units.

Once holds are placed and the messages are sent, you will be able to view the message on the Advising Hub website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/messaging/>.

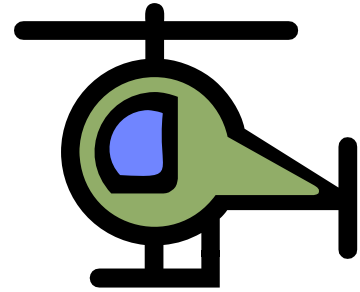
Remember to visit the advising blog for the *Question of the Week* at the SJSU Advising Alert Blog

HELICOPTER PARENTS HOVERING OVER SJSU

Those of us who have been advising students for more than a couple of years have seen a sharp increase in the phenomenon of “helicopter parenting”. If you are not familiar with this term, it refers to parents who hover over their student children, accompanying students to classes and appointments, monitoring progress, and making academic decisions for their student children. More and more, parents are getting involved in their children’s college education. In response to this, the Advising Hub now features a *For Parents* section that will offer information to parents of SJSU students. In the *For Parents* site, parents will learn about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), fee payment, and well as on-campus resources they can encourage their children to utilize.

Additionally, the Advising Hub has a new *Parents & Advising* link to assist advisors in working and interacting with parents. What do you do when a parent comes to meet you with you and the student is nowhere to be found? Visit the *Parents & Advising* link within the of *For Advisors* section of the Advising Hub for guidance.

We all know that not every parent who has a concern about their child’s education can be described as a helicopter. Although this site was developed in response to hovering parents, it includes relevant information for SJSU parents, in general. As you make contact with parents, please refer them to the *For Parents* section of the Advising Hub at http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/for_parents/.



Do you have advising updates and achievements? Send them to us for inclusion in the monthly Advising Alert.



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