



Welcome Fall!

After all of the hard work and dedication our advisors put in this summer to get our new students registered and welcomed to campus, we are excited for them to be here! There are a lot of great activities for students in the first few weeks of classes.

Welcome Week - August 19-25, 2018

All events are free and open to all students. Check out the listing of events on the Welcome Week website or on the Mocs Now app. Save the date for our Welcome Week kick-off event, the Oak Street Roast. The Oak Street Roast is on Sunday, August 19th from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Chamberlain Field.

Involvement Week – August 27-31, 2018

Involvement Week is an extension of Welcome Week that gives students the opportunity to attend organization interest meetings.

Organization Showcase - August 28-30, 2018

For three days in the middle of Involvement Week, about 20-30 organizations will be tabling in Heritage Plaza on Aug. 28-30th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Advisor Training Certificates

Congratulations to those that have completed the Advisor Training Certificate since December!

- Deanna Beasley (Biology)
- Laura Lee Jenkins (Comp. Sci. & Engineering)
- Emily Martin (Nursing)
- Joseph McCauley (Biol., Geol., & Env. Sci.)
- Deardra McGee (Center for Advisement)
- Nikki Ownby (Business)
- Nichole Orr (Business)
- Hong Qin (Comp. Sci. & Engineering)
- Robin Sturnes (Center for Advisement)



Pictured from left: (back) Nikki Ownby, Nichole Orr, Deardra McGee, Robin Sturnes, Joseph McCauley; (front) Donisia Ward, Emily Martin

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Meet Katie Feeney
- Meet Scott Dayton
- Meet Heather Mitchell

CONTACT US!

Please direct any comments, questions or errors to a member of the Leadership Team:

- Mary Beth Ondrusek
- Vikki Bernotski
- Elizabeth Johnson
- Laura Bass



Meet Katie Feeney

Katie Feeney manages the academic success and planning for women’s softball and works as a Learning Specialist in Student Support Services in Athletics. Her responsibilities include monitoring student athletes’ progress towards degree and NCAA eligibility. She also provides advisement on course selection, graduation and career planning, as well as scheduling tutoring and other academic assistance to student-athletes. As a Learning Specialist, her duties are identifying learning needs of students with a learning disability, developing and implementing academic support plans for students, and providing one-on-one assistance with research-based reading and study skill strategies.

SSC Campus Updates

As part of our on-going efforts to introduce the SSC Campus advising platform to all users, faculty advisors will be invited to attend an on-campus launch in mid-September. The tentative training date is set for September 11, 2018, but additional details will be shared as we get closer to the launch date. Erin Brown in the UTC Records Office will take over faculty advisor training and support for SSC Campus users after the campus-wide launch in September. Brad Bond in the Center for Advisement will take over on SSC Campus training and support for professional advisors. If you have any SSC Campus questions, please email Erin (Erin-Brown@utc.edu) or Brad (Bradley-Bond@utc.edu) directly.

There are also several releases to the SSC Campus platform expected in the late fall semester to enhance system functionality. This release will include additional site-specific configurations that have not previously existed to allow locations to customize standards for appointment scheduling and workflow. More information regarding these enhancements will be shared through Advisors’ Council throughout the fall term.

We are still undergoing a refresh of our predictive model that determines a student’s risk level for graduating based on UTC’s historical data. We are optimistic that the predictive model refresh will address some of the known issues that currently exist in the predictive model. Current users will see these upgrades available in the site in early fall semester.



Advisor Spotlight: Deardra McGee



Deardra McGee was recently promoted to Assistant Director in the Center for Advisement. Deardra has been a key part of the centralized advising office since 2011 when she was hired to serve as an advisor for undecided students, and she brings over twenty years of experience at UTC to this new position. Prior to joining the advisement team, Deardra worked with the Gear Up Program and the Office of Special Projects. In her new role, Deardra will support the freshmen advisors as well as assist with the AIQ new student pre-registration process.

Deardra will also continue to work with undecided students and is piloting a learning community cohort through the First Year Experience program. Please congratulate Deardra on her expanded role in advising!



NACADA Region 3 Presentations

Several UTC advisors presented at the NACADA Region 3 conference in Charleston, SC in May.

Vikki Bernotski presented her work with the School of Education faculty at the conference. She also co-presented with a colleague at UNC-Wilmington on supporting students in education and pre-health advising.

Sevan Paris and Brian Tucker from the Center for Advisement presented the First-Year Advisement model for Humanities and Liberal Arts majors at UTC in a poster session.

Handshake

UTC has partnered with *Handshake* to support students and alumni as they bridge learning, experience and aspirations towards meaningful work.

What is *Handshake*?

Handshake is a modern career development platform that the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga provides to connect students and alumni to the growing career community. Students and alumni will be able to follow employers, store documents, access specialized resources and programming, schedule appointments online, and connect with career development staff.

How is *Handshake* different from *Moc Links* and why are we making this change?

Handshake is much easier to navigate, more intuitive, and has been built with great design to mirror many of the platforms students already use. *Handshake* has all the functions that *Moc Links* offered and several more that we think students will enjoy!

How do students access *Handshake*?

Students and alumni will be able to access the platform at <http://utc.joinhandshake.com>. They will login with their UTC ID to join, and then create a personal profile to tailor their unique alerts. Students can also download the *Handshake* app.



Fall Advising Promotion

The Advising Promotions Committee needs your help!

The Committee will be seeking volunteers for the Promotion tabling this fall. Tentatively, the dates for tabling will be October 17th and 18th, and November 7th and 8th, from 10:00am-12:00pm.

The Committee wants to ensure they have up-to-date information at the promotion tables for students on how they schedule an appointment for their specific major.

- *Has the primary advisor(s) in your area changed?*
- *Has the process for how students schedule an appointment in your advising area changed?*

If so, please email your updates to Vikki-bernotski@utc.edu.



The Committee will be handing out promotional materials to advisors in September. We ask that you hang up the posters and hand out the survey cards to students to remind them about the advising survey.



Meet Scott Dayton

Scott Dayton is the Assistant Director of Student Support Services in Athletics. He advises all football student-athletes. Originally from Alpharetta, GA, Scott earned his Bachelor's degree from Clemson University in Secondary Education/History in 2008 before moving on to earn his Master's in Sports Management from Georgia Southern University in 2010. Scott joined UTC in March 2018 coming from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL, where he worked in a similar capacity with FAU athletics. He has also worked with student-athletes at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Pennsylvania, and Clemson University. Scott spends his free time traveling, working on DIY projects, and playing fantasy football.

Advising Training Certificate - Fall Training Dates



Meet Heather Mitchell

Heather is serving as the newest advisor in the Gary W. Rollins College of Business. In this role, she will be advising all nine business majors. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Kennesaw State University and came to UTC from the University of Georgia Terry College of Business, as a Marketing advisor. She is excited to bring enthusiasm and previous student experience to the UTC team! Heather has been working with students for over five years and is passionate about supporting them with the knowledge and guidance they need to achieve their academic goals and career aspirations. She strives to make sure their academic experience is both educational and fun!

Register today for in-person training modules offered during the Fall 2018 term. Registration available at: <https://www.utc.edu/advisement/advisor-information/advisor-training.php>. If you've completed the *Introduction to Advising* module, you should have access to the online modules in UTC Learn. If you have any questions, please contact laura-bass@utc.edu.

Introduction to Advising at UTC

Thursday, September 13th 9:30am-11:00am in Library 207
Wednesday, October 3rd 2:30pm-4:00pm in Library 207

Technology for Advisors (*Introduction to Advising at UTC required*)

Thursday, September 20th 9:30am-11:00am in Library 201
Wednesday, October 10th 2:30pm-4:00pm in Library 201

Advising Transfer Students (*Introduction to Advising at UTC required*)

Thursday, September 6th 10:00am-12:00pm in Southern Writers Room
Thursday, November 1st 10:00am-12:00pm in Southern Writers Room

The Advisors' Training Certificate includes the following modules:

- Introduction to Advising at UTC (*required before other modules*)
- Technology for Advisors
- Academic Policies and Processes
- Advising Unique Populations
- Campus Resources
- Advising Transfer Students

Advisors' Council Committee Updates

Assessment Committee

The assessment committee is preparing for the 2018-2019 advising survey that will be going live on August 27th. Please encourage your students to complete the survey!

Training Committee

The training committee is continuing to build curriculum for the Advanced Training Certificate, as well as update the modules for the Training Certificate.

Meetings

Advisors' Council

3rd Wednesday at 8:45am
Signal Mountain Room, UC

Assessment Committee

2nd Wednesday at 8:45am
Elizabeth Johnson, Coordinator

Training Committee

4th Wednesday at 8:45am
Laura Bass, Coordinator

Leadership

1st Wednesday at 8:45am
Mary Beth Ondrusek, Chair
Vikki Bernotski
Elizabeth Johnson
Laura Bass