



2015-16 Advising Survey Results: An Increase in Positive Advising Experiences

The results of the 2015-16 Advising Survey are in and indicate that there was an increase from 2014-15 in the number of positive advising experiences students had at UTC. The Advising Survey is open for all undergraduate students to complete each semester. The survey consists of fourteen Likert scale questions that are related to selected Advisor Expectations and the advising Student Learning Outcomes. Additionally, students are given the opportunity to provide feedback about how their advising experience could be improved. During 2015-16, 759 responses were collected, compared with 489 in the previous year. While 45% of the responses represent students who are advised in the Center for Advisement, the college distribution is representative of UTC's population. The sample is also representative of the campus population in regards to race, ethnicity, and gender. While the majority of questions showed at least 80% of the responses being positive, there were a few areas for improvement. Results indicate that students are not being informed about campus resources appropriate to their needs during advising. Students are also interested in discussing information with their advisor about potential internships and careers related to their degree. When asked how their academic advising experience could be improved, common responses included more access to their advisor, as well as a quicker response times when requests are made.



Excellence in Advising Administrator Award



Congratulations to the Center for Advisement Director, Stacie Grisham, for winning the NACADA Region 3 Excellence in Advising Administrator Award. This reward reflects the hard work, tireless enthusiasm, and absolute dedication Stacie brings to the department every day. We couldn't be prouder of her for receiving this much-deserved recognition and hope that you'll join us in commending one of UTC's best examples of leadership.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- UTC's Newest Advisors

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UTC's Newest Advisors

Vikki Bernotski

Vikki joined the College of Education advising team in March 2016. Before UTC, she worked at the College of Charleston as the First-Year Experience Coordinator. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the College of Charleston, and her Master's of Education at The Citadel. Vikki enjoys academic advising because she gets to talk to students about their passions.

"I have found so far that talking to undecided students is great because we get to explore their interests, but at UTC, working with future teachers, their passion and excitement for their chosen career and educational path is very rewarding and exciting."

When not at work, Vikki enjoys making paper crafts and spending time with her dog, Shadow; they go running together, explore Chattanooga, and snuggle on the couch to watch their favorite TV shows.

UPDATE: Reverse Transfer Program

Beginning in Fall 2016, there will be an increase in email communication to students who are identified as meeting the initial criteria for inclusion in the reverse transfer program. The system will now generate two reminder emails to those students who do not respond to the initial email invitation.

The Fall 2016 Email Communication Schedule:

- August 15: First email invitation
- August 29: First reminder email to non-responders
- September 8: Final reminder email to non-responders
- September 12: System no longer accepts student responses

Students are not contacted if:

- they do not meet the community college residency requirement
- they do not meet the minimum 2.0 GPA for an associate's degree
- they have previously received a degree (2- or 4-year degree)

A total of 1,177 reverse transfer degrees have been awarded across the state in just three semesters!



Save the dates: October 5th—8th

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) will be hosting its annual national conference in Atlanta this fall. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this national conference that will be so close to home. You can find more information about the conference by visiting nacada.ksu.edu.

AIQ Pre-Registration Process Updates

We have pre-registered over 2,700 new students for this fall term, and we have officially surpassed the halfway point for our summer orientation sessions! Thank you to all of the faculty members and professional advisors who have helped us in this effort. Our transfer orientation sessions are going much smoother than in years past, and we are receiving a lot of positive feedback from both students and advisors about the new Transfer AIQ process.

We will continue to build schedules for new students who register for the remaining on-campus and online orientation sessions. All AIQ processing will take place in the Library, Room 321. For any questions or concerns about the AIQ process, please contact Elizabeth-J-Johnson@utc.edu.

Wed., July 27 from 8:30am-12:30pm

Thurs., July 28 from 9am-12pm

Mon., Aug. 1 from 8:30am-10am

Congratulations Elizabeth Johnson!



Elizabeth Johnson has been recently promoted to Assistant Director in the Center for Advisement. She joined UTC in 2011 as a freshmen advisor and most recently served as an advisor for undecided students. Elizabeth has 10 years in full-time advising experience, and has served as Chair of the UTC Advisors' Council since 2013. Additionally, she recently had the opportunity to serve as hospitality co-chair for the NACADA Regional Conference in Chattanooga. Elizabeth is an invaluable resource both in the department and across campus, and we are

excited for her new role in the Center for Advisement.



UTC's Newest Advisors

Chasity Prince

Chasity Prince is the newest advisor in the UTC Athletics department with the Men's Wrestling, M/W Tennis, M/W Cross Country and Women's Track & Field programs. She came to UTC from Florida State. Originally from Columbia, MO, Chasity attended Southwest Baptist University where she earned a BS in Sport Management. She was also a four-year starter for their Women's Basketball program. Upon graduation Chasity worked as a Graduate Assistant at Lindenwood University where she earned an MS in Sport Management and Leadership.

As a former student-athlete Chasity understands the challenges athletes face when trying to balance competing at the collegiate level and attaining a quality education. Therefore, Chasity is dedicated to helping athletes reach their full potential beyond athletics.

In her free time, Chasity really enjoys cooking, watching movies and hanging out with her family and friends. Chasity is really excited about being a part of the UTC family.

Advisors' Council Committee Updates

Assessment Committee

The Assessment Committee is currently preparing to report the 2015-16 Advising Survey results to campus, and will begin to prepare for the 2016-17 survey. The results from the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) will be available late summer for the committee to review and compare with the Advising Survey results. The Assessment Committee is continually seeking ways to work with the other committees to determine assessment needs and collaborating with departments across campus to collect advising-related data .

Training Committee

During the spring semester, the training committee offered three of the certificate modules, which included the Advisor Training Introduction, Advising with Technology, and Advising Transfer Students. The committee is working hard on completing the additional online modules for the Advisor Certificate. Fall training dates and times will be available on the Advisement website soon. The training committee finished the assembly of the online advisor training handbook. This document is live and available to all advisors at UTC on the Advisement website.

Transfer Committee

As of July 19th, 638 new transfer students have been pre-registered for the fall semester. Transfer Committee meetings will resume in the fall.

Meetings

Advisors' Council

3rd Wednesday at 8:45am
Chickamauga Room, UC

Assessment Committee

2nd Wednesday at 8:45am
Avalon Gourlay, Chair

Training Committee

4th Wednesday at 8:45am
Lindsey Felix, Chair

Transfer Committee

3rd Monday at 2:00pm
Nicole Jones, Chair

Leadership

1st Wednesday at 8:45am
Elizabeth Johnson, Chair
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Avalon Gourlay
Lindsey Felix
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