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SUBJECT: Advising – Your Role in this Important Retention Effort

Faculty advisors have a very important role in helping each UAF student achieve academic success. The Faculty Advisor Manual serves as a primary tool, along with the Catalog, to assist you in helping students to transition into and achieve their goals at UAF.

Numerous studies have shown that undergraduate advising provides one of the most important opportunities that a university has to create a positive environment in which students can learn and grow. Your role as guide, mentor and friend to your undergraduate advisees puts you in a unique role to make each of them feel welcome here. A goal of advising is to give each of them the confidence that someone connected with the institution cares enough to provide good advice to students on how to attain their educational and personal goals.

Since student success is our goal, your role as an undergraduate advisor makes you an especially important person in the UAF community! That responsibility also carries with it certain expectations: availability, a student-centered approach to your professional life, and effective communication of pertinent and accurate information.

Before you begin meeting with advisees, take the time to familiarize yourself with the manual’s contents and use it as your prime reference as you work with students. Attend the training and update session provided for your benefit, so you will know about changes and the latest information when working with your students.

I would like to thank each of you for your work as an advisor. I hope that you will see your advising efforts to be more than just part of your job and that you will get personal satisfaction from assisting a group of our great UAF students!
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