

The following motion passed at Faculty Senate meeting #233 on September 10, 2018

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve mandatory academic advising for all undergraduate degree-seeking students for the summer semester.

**EFFECTIVE:**

Summer 2019

**RATIONALE:**

UAF is unique to the UA system in that we require mandatory academic advising for all undergraduate degree-seeking students for the fall and spring semesters. Summer session(s), in the past, has been left out of this requirement.

Summer semester has been considered a “regular semester” for purposes of financial aid eligibility and academic standing since the UAF Faculty Senate passed the motion at the December 7, 2015 (meeting #211) to change the academic disqualification policy to apply to students whose GPA falls below 2.0 per semester for two consecutive semesters (including summer session).

Students are now being held to the same standards during summer that they are during their fall and spring semesters. Since UAF is on a three-semester cycle for potential Academic Warning, Academic Probation, and Academic Disqualification standings, summer semester plays a significant role in students’ academic standing depending on how many courses they are taking. Therefore, there should be equal support, equal accountability, and equal academic advising offered to students.

Academic advisors will inform students who are taking only one course of the negative effects of not successfully completing that single course offered in the summer. Advisors will explain the policy clearly so that students understand that the GPA associated with that single course is the cumulative GPA for the summer semester and can affect academic standing.

This change should not pose considerable stress on academic departments to provide additional academic advisors since the majority of students register for their summer session courses before the spring semester is completed. All schools and colleges have designated staff or faculty academic advisors that are available throughout the summer for advising of summer or fall.

**For summer 2017 (undergraduate degree-seeking students ONLY)**

1,143 registrations before May 1 (68%)

531 registrations after May 1 (32%)

**For summer 2016 (undergraduate degree-seeking students ONLY)**

1,192 registrations before May 1 (67%)

578 registrations after May 1 (33%)

Having mandatory academic advising will benefit the students by:

- Assisting them in identifying courses that will help advance their degree.
- Explore scholarship/grant options available for summer sessions students.
- Educate students on the benefits of taking courses during summer sessions as well as the negative ramifications of doing poorly in summer sessions course work.

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The Chancellor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approves \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoes ☒ Acknowledges

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Daniel M. White, UAF Chancellor

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