

Notes from the Center for Academic Excellence

March 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

FACULTY-INITIATED Withdrawals began Wednesday, February 20th

- Students may not, on their own initiative, withdraw from courses during this time.
- Faculty may withdraw students from courses during this time, will assign a grade of WP or WF and will submit that to the Office of the Registrar.
- It is not required for students or advisors to sign off on faculty-initiated withdrawals
- Students should be advised to contact Student Financial Services about the impact of course withdrawals on eligibility for continued financial aid.
- **The last day to submit a faculty-initiated withdrawal is Sunday 4/21**

MIDTERM GRADING begins Monday March 11th

- Just as with ESI, faculty should enter Midterm Grades for students in all levels
- Students and advisors will be notified of Midterm Grades via Campus Web beginning March 18th.
- **The last day to submit Midterm Grades will be Sunday 3/17**

RINDGE COURSE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER & FALL 2013

Online registration for Summer & Fall 2013 classes will begin on April 1st and end on April 19th. A more detailed schedule for registration is available online -

http://eraven.franklinpierce.edu/s/dept/registrar/docs/How_to_register_for_Summer_Fall_2013.pdf .

Students should meet with advisors the week before their online registration begins and must submit a signed registration form to the Registrar's Office to hold online selections.

Information about Summer offerings and schedules, including the new Maymester courses/schedule is available online at http://www.franklinpierce.edu/academics/summer_program.htm

The Center for Academic Excellence does offer a **Campus Web overview** for first-year students and an **advanced Campus Web tutorial** for upper-level students through our [Staff Presentations](#) menu. Please contact us if you would like a presentation offered to your class or other group of students or faculty/staff during or prior to Advising/Registration weeks.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

TEST-TAKING ACCOMMODATIONS

Students who have turned in "blue sheets" and wish to take an exam using extended time (and/or other test-taking accommodations) should sign up first through the Center for Academic Excellence, with Jeff Ogden, Coordinator of Student Accessibility services. Students should complete this sign-up at least one week before the exam. Faculty will then receive an email from Jeff requesting a copy of the exam to administer in the Center. If students approach you about scheduling exam accommodations that need to take place in the Center, please direct those students to make those arrangements directly with Jeff.

The test-taking accommodations offered through the Center for Academic Excellence are for students with documented disabilities only.

Jeff can be reached at x4126 or ogdenj@franklinpierce.edu with any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

PEER TUTORING

The tutoring program is up and running! Students who are struggling with course content and/or organization issues should be encouraged to attend tutoring sessions. Students & advisors can access the tutoring schedule as well as other information about academic support on the [Center's eRaven page](#).

The Wensberg Writing Center schedule is posted at
<http://eraven.franklinpierce.edu/writingcenter/index.htm>

SCIENCE SUPPORT CENTER

Students should be encouraged to drop in to study at the Science Support Center on Monday-Thursday evenings, between 5-9 p.m. in Marcucella Hall, Room 219. With ample, quiet space for individual or group work, successful math/science students are on hand to work with students by answering questions & providing assistance in preparing for tests, quizzes, presentations, and writing laboratory reports.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACADEMIC ADVISING

Advising ESL and International Students - Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 2pm in the Map Room **This Wednesday.**

Please join us for a viewing and discussion of this NACADA Online Panel Discussion. *Recruitment of international students has become a high priority for many higher education institutions in the United States and Canada. As a result, academic advisors are seeing significantly higher numbers of advisees who have come to their campuses from other parts of the world. What do academic advisors and advising administrators need to know to provide appropriate support for these students?* Panel discussion will take place from 2-3pm and we have the room reserved until 3:30pm for discussion following the panel. **Please feel free to drop in as your schedule allows.** Read more about the panelists at <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Events-Programs/Events/Web-Events/Web-Events-Coming/Web-Event-Feb-2013.aspx>

Advising Transfer Students: Strategies for Today's Realities and Tomorrow's Challenges – Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 2pm, in the Map Room

Please join us for a viewing and discussion of this NACADA Online Panel Discussion. *The “completion agenda” set by the Obama administration and the Lumina Foundation has stimulated certain realities within the higher education community, one of the foremost among them being the increased enrollment of transfer students. This new reality lies amid other challenges imposed by accreditors and employers – demonstrable student learning outcomes. This webinar will review the realities and challenges we are facing and provide an array of advising programs and strategies that will facilitate meeting the ultimate national completion agenda.* Panel discussion will take place from 2-3pm and we have the room reserved until 3:30pm for discussion following the panel. **Please feel free to drop in as your schedule allows.** Read more about the panelists at <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Events-Programs/Events/Web-Events/Web-Events-Coming/Web-Event-March-2013.aspx>

NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising

Northeast Region 1 Conference ~ March 20-22, 2013 (*Franklin Pierce Spring Break week*) at the **Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Canada**

NACADA conferences bring together faculty advisors, staff advisors, advising administrators and others in higher education who support the role of academic advisors. The regional conference is a great resource for networking with other advisors and for attending excellent presentations about best practices in the field of advising. For more information about the conference including details about registration, lodging and preconference workshops, visit <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Events-Programs/Events/Region-Conferences/Region-1.aspx>

If you have information that you would like to see included in future issues of this newsletter, contact us at academicexcellence@franklinpierce.edu

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