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## *An Academic Advising Communiqué*



### **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and Academic Advisors**

New federal regulations are requiring increased monitoring for the SAP Standards. The three SAP Standards are:

Qualitative (GPA;  $\geq 2.0$ )

Pace (Cum. Units Completed/ Cum. Units Attempted; 66.7%)

Timeframe (150%: Complete 120 unit degree before exceeding 180 units attempted)

Advisors are familiar with the SAP Qualitative Standard and the SAP Appeal Form for students who have been placed on academic probation. What has changed is that advisors will now see students with appeals who fail to meet the Pace SAP Standards. To learn more about the SAP Standards go to the OFSA website at: <http://financialaid.arizona.edu/awards/standards/>

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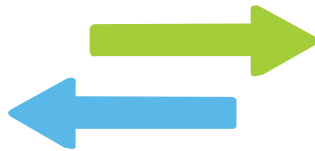
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### **Beyond Boundaries: A Student Development Symposium**



A day long symposium for UA and PCC staff who work with students in advising, registration, financial aid, and other student services or student development units.

Tuesday, December 13, 2011; 8:00 – 4:00

Student Union Memorial Center, University of Arizona

***Registration is required***

**Symposium details and registration are available at:**

<http://beyondboundaries.eventbrite.com/>



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## Regional NACADA Conference

The 2012 NACADA Region 10 Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29 to Friday, March 2 in Provo, Utah. The conference theme is: “Advising on the Rocks: Navigating the Peaks & Valleys of Advising in the Rocky Mountain Region.” Proposals are being accepted through **November 8** at: [www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional\\_Divisions/region10/proposals.htm](http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region10/proposals.htm). Please consider submitting a proposal on your own or in collaboration with colleagues.

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## Update: Degree Search

Degree Search (<http://degreesearch.arizona.edu>) is a new Website that will help prospective and current students explore majors in new and engaging ways. Students will be able to use filters such as math and second language requirements, disciplinary interests, and Holland code categories to glean information about different majors. The Website also includes four-year plans for every major (five-year plan in the case of Architecture) and transfer equivalencies for Pima and Maricopa Community Colleges (all Arizona community colleges will be represented over time). Career Planning information is coming soon and is expected to be complete by May 2012. You will have the opportunity to review the content of Career Planning pages and provide feedback and edits if necessary.

Although the website is in production and live, there are many changes yet to come as we continue to improve access to and the presentation of information for students. If you wish to provide feedback, please become a member of the Degree Tracker/Degree Search Mosaic Community

<http://uamosaicworkshops.ning.com/groups/group/show?groupUrl=degree-tracker-degree-search>



## Degree Tracker News

The Degree Tracker project has some exciting prospects for Spring 2012. You may have seen members of the Degree Tracker team at your college meetings talking about the project, and if you haven't, you'll see one of us soon! We've been working on developing the prediction logic to help advisors and their students plan future semesters. Our goal is to utilize this technology to help you and your students have productive and more developmental advising interactions.

Right now, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences along with Pre-Business will be piloting some features of Degree Tracker in Spring 2012. These colleges will soon have an opportunity to start testing Degree Tracker to make sure it meets their needs and fits with how they would advise students. We'll be asking all departments for detailed information on how you advise your students and sequence courses for them, so be on the lookout.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us! We want to hear from you!! If you'd like to give feedback or find out who your contact is for Degree Tracker, please go to our Mosaic Community site at <http://uamosaicworkshops.ning.com/group/degree-tracker-degree-search>

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## Mark Your Calendars ...

### UPAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2011  
8:15 am—9:30 am  
SUMC 411

### Veteran's Day!!!

Friday, November 11, 2011  
All Day - university offices are closed

### Advisor Brown Bag

Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
11:30 am—1:00 pm (it's OK to drop in)  
SUMC 411



### Tea Time — ***NOTE NEW DATE and TIME***

Friday, November 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.  
SUMC 411

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## UPAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 9, 2011  
8:15 am—9:30 am  
SUMC 411

**Welcome, General Announcements, & Check-in** (*UPAC Co-Chairs* 8:15-8:25)

**Advising Resource Center & UAAC Updates** (*Roxie Catts* 8:25-8:35)

**Transfer Center** (*Jeanais Brodie* 8:35 – 9:00)

**Study Abroad & Student Exchange** (*Renee Griggs* 9:00 - 9:20)

**Financial Aid** (*Debbi Golden-Davis and Lorrie Hough* 9:20 – 9:35)

**NEW! Policy and Practice Items** (*UPAC Co-Chairs* 9:35 – 9:45)



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## Professional Development Seminars from UA Career Services

By: Susan Miller, Senior Coordinator, Marketing-Special Events

While students can gain a great deal of information surfing the web and reading job search articles online, getting away from the computer and attending some Career Services Professional Development Seminars enables them to not only absorb pertinent information but ask questions, follow up on successful strategies and interact with fellow students seeking the same.

These 50-minute career workshops are free to all UA students and alumni and are designed to help students successfully navigate from the classroom to their career. Offered each semester with variations based on the most current information available about careers and the economy, all seminars are held in the UA Career Services offices in Suite #411 of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Over the course of each semester, seminars cover such topics as resume writing, career exploration and federal government job searches. Upcoming seminars include:

### **Interviewing for Jobs and Internships**

### **Job Search for Internships or Career Jobs**

### **Planning for Graduate and Professional Schools**

Times vary so check the updated schedule at <http://career.arizona.edu/Students/Workshops>.

And about that resume. Students can 'Wow' prospective employers with an excellent professional resume and Career Services can help. Times for resume checks and general career questions are available to students and alumni (for up to one year post-graduation) on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis, Monday through Friday in Career Services, Room 411. Times vary so please check <http://career.arizona.edu/Calendar>.



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## Double Dipping Policies

The updated Double Dipping Policies for each college and department are on the ARC website at:

[http://advising.arizona.edu/advisors\\_double\\_dipping](http://advising.arizona.edu/advisors_double_dipping)

Advisors can contact Celeste Pardee, Curricular Affairs (621-5375 or [cpardee@u.arizona.edu](mailto:cpardee@u.arizona.edu)) for any corrections, additions, and/or clarification in the way restrictions are applied.

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## *Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and Academic Advisors*

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In light of the slight change in the Pace standard, OFSA offers the following updated information for the advising community:

The Department of Education recently clarified that the SAP Pace Standard is 66.7% (correcting earlier information that set the standard at 66%). The Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid (OFSA) monitored in the summer 2011 with 66%, however, beginning fall 2011 SAP monitoring, the process will be done using 66.7%. Students will be notified of this change via email once the fall SAP has run. The OFSA website is being updated for the SAP Pace Standard.

All students who receive federal financial aid disbursements will start with an OK/ Meets SAP Status. The first time they do not meet the SAP Standards (at the end of a term in which they received a federal financial aid disbursement), they will be placed in a SAP Warning Status. This status does not need a SAP Appeal Form to be submitted to OSFA; these students are still eligible for federal financial aid. If they meet the SAP Standards within the next term, the SAP Status will reset to OK.

For a second consecutive failure to meet SAP Standards, students will be placed in a SAP Suspension Status and will need to submit a SAP Appeal Form for review. If the SAP Appeal Form is approved, the student will then be placed in a SAP Probation **OR** SAP Academic Plan Status. Either of these two statuses allow disbursement of federal financial aid, but each has a finite term(s). Probation is one term only and SAP Academic Plan can be more than one term.

What does all this mean for the advisor? It is anticipated that advisors will see more student appointments for SAP Appeals. A small group from OFSA, UAccess, and the ARC are working to develop an online process which can be used for academic contracts, used by most colleges currently, and SAP Appeals. The goal of this project is to streamline the processes as much as possible with the intention of avoiding the need for multiple advising appointments regarding the same topic.