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To: All concerned with Undergraduate Academic Advising

From: Barbara Schooley, Assistant Dean
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Dear Colleagues:

I, like you, often get frustrated with the lack of or delay in communication between the Colleges, offices concerned with student affairs, and those of us in student academic advising. There are numerous University-wide and college committees studying problems and making decisions, but these decisions do not always filter throughout the University system. There are also problems faced in our day-to-day encounters with students which we need to share with these committees. This is a problem for all who have the actual student advising contact and I feel an informal network might be, if not the answer, at least an enormous help.

Student advising contact is different in each College. It is done by secretaries, faculty, assistant deans, and academic counselors (graduate students, professional advisors, etc.). I would like to propose such a network open to everyone who does academic advising to undergraduates. We would begin as informal group, meeting once a month, and we would only formalize as an official committee if the majority felt it helpful and/or necessary. Initially we would meet to air our thoughts, problems and to see if we have an agenda. I realize that most of us have more meetings than we care to count, but this could be one which would help us in our everyday existence.

I have reserved Room 428-429 TUC on Monday, November 14 from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. (bring your lunches). As I said, this meeting is open to everyone concerned with academic advising, so please share this letter with anyone in your College or Department who could add to and benefit from such a group. If you cannot come to this meeting but are interested in joining such a group, let me or someone in my office know by calling 556-5875 and we will place you on our mailing list. Those of you who will attend should bring a list of problems, situations, concerns, etc. with you for discussion that day or for a future agenda.

cc: Tom Wagner