Conference planned to boost quality of student advising

The quality of undergraduate academic advising is a critical factor in a student’s decision to attend a university, according to Nina Thomas, director of academic advising at the College of Business Administration.

The effort to improve advising at the university has been led by the Undergraduate Academic Advising Association on campus (UCUAADA), which will hold its third annual conference on advising on Friday, Feb. 19.

The conference has attracted more than 100 faculty and administrators involved in advising and student services during each of the past two years and has had an impact on the effectiveness of student advising, Thomas said.

The flow of communication is the key to improving advising on campus, Thomas said. “The greatest need this conference works to fill is to build a network of people involved in advising,” she said. “The university is so big that, if you have a person in need of specific advising help, it is sometimes impossible to know where to send them.”

The deadline for conference registration is Friday, Feb. 12. To encourage maximum participation, the conference is free for faculty and staff, with costs being paid by the Offices of Provost Norman R. Baker, Vice President Thomas E. Wagner and by various college offices.

Because of the maturing network of advisers established by previous conferences, UCUADA this year is offering more than just basic information for newcomers. Basic help is still included, but the conference will also have sessions on advanced topics such as “Legal Issues in Higher Education” and “Building Positive Relationships in a Threatening Environment.”

The conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. in Tangeman University Center’s Great Hall. It ends with a wrap up and refreshments starting at 3 p.m. During the conference’s noon luncheon, Thomas Wagner will speak on “An Uncommon Commitment.”

For more information and registration materials, call 556-3244 or 556-7030.
A Conference for Faculty and Staff
Committed to Improving Undergraduate Advising at UC
Thursday • November 1, 1990 • Tangeman University Center

• Schedule of Events •

Morning

8:30 am
Registration, Coffee and Rolls
Great Hall

9:00 am
Opening Session
Room 414

▼ Address:
Margaret Jendrek, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Advising,
Department of Anthropology/Sociology, Miami University

Good Advising Pays Off: Investing In the Future

Introduction: Dana Vannoy, Associate Dean, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences

10:00 am
Breakout Sessions I

▼ Advising Procedures at UC-College Group 1
Coordinator: Nina Thomas, Senior Academic Adviser, College of Business Administration
Presenters: Don Hagedorn, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering
Barbara Schooley, Assistant Dean, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences
Jean Gary, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education

Room 402

▼ Advising as a Developmental Process
Coordinator: Mary Ann Davis, Assistant Director, College of Evening and Continuing Education
Presenters: Charla Weiss, Assistant Director, Women’s Programs and Services
Robert Conyne, Professor and Head, Department of School Psychology
and Counseling

Room 414

▼ Update on the Degree Auditing Process
Coordinator: Wendy Fahrnbach-Lambing, Director of Student Records
Presenter: Debbie Behle, Assistant Director, Office of Student Records

Rooms 428-430

11:00 am
Breakout Sessions II

▼ Identifying the Student in Crisis
Coordinator: Milton Foreman, Professor of Psychology and Director of Psychological Services

Room 428-430

▼ Working with the Grade-Driven Student
Coordinator: Tom Hadley, Assistant Vice Provost, Undergraduate and Student Affairs

Room 414

▼ Advising Procedures at UC-College Group 2
Coordinator: Eleanor Minkarah, Counselor, College of Applied Sciences
Presenters: Derrick Woodham, Professor, College of Design, Art, Architecture & Planning
Gerald Bostwick, Associate Professor, School of Social Work
Robert Lee, Assistant Dean, College of Pharmacy

Room 402

12:00 pm
Luncheon
Room 401A & B

▼ Speaker:
Marvalene Styles Hughes, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs
and Professor of Counselor Education
University of Minnesota

Celebrating Diversity, Recognizing Uniqueness

Introduction: Mary Ellen Ashley, Vice Provost for Student Affairs
2:00 pm  Breakout Sessions III

- **Strengths and Weaknesses of Academic Advising in the Access Colleges-College Group 3**
  Coordinator: Joyce McCoy, Program Director, College of Evening and Continuing Education
  Presenters: Clyde Dorn, Director of Academic Support, Raymond Walters College
             Kate Greenwald, Director of Admissions, Clermont College
             Bill Lane, Director of Advising and Registration, University College
  Room 402

- **The Federal Privacy Act (FERPA) and Advising**
  Coordinator: Wendy Fahmbach-Lambing, Director of Student Records
  Room 428-430

- **Advising Students in Academic Difficulty**
  Coordinator: Cheri Westmoreland, Undergraduate and Student Affairs
  Presenters: Ken Simonson, Assistant Director, College of Engineering
             Tom Williams, Assistant Dean, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences
             Harmon McClung, Counselor, University College
             Trevia Ogbum, Program Coordinator, Tutorial Services
  Room 414

3:00 pm  Refreshment Break

3:15 pm  Breakout Sessions IV

- **Update on the Degree Auditing Process (Repeat Program)**
  Coordinator: Wendy Fahmbach-Lambing, Director of Student Records
  Room 428-430

- **Guiding the Gifted Student**
  Coordinator: David Kuschnir, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education and Interim Director, UC Honors Program
  Presenters: Jerry Glenn, Professor, Department of Germanic Languages and Literature
             Suzanne Toller, Associate Professor and Director, Department of Germanic Languages and Literature
  Room 414

- **Supporting the Undecided Student**
  Coordinator: Lou Osinske, Associate Director, Educational Services
  Presenters: Barb Schooley, Assistant Dean, McMicken College of Arts and Sciences
             Ann Saeman, Program Coordinator, Career Development and Placement
  Room 402

4:15 pm  Wrap-up/Closing

Room 414