

University Advisors Network
December 10 2025
In-person: UAC Training Room, 3rd floor Close-Hipp
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Welcome and review of [October UAN minutes](#)

Nora Dragovic
Claire Robinson

Attendees: Charlie Ball, Valeria Bate, Lily Benetez, Jane Bouknight, Rebecca Boyd, Mary Brabham, Jillian Carey Bigony, Bill Brown, Matt Bruner, Della Bryant, Brandi Byers, Katy Caulder, Chantelle Cayruth, Latecia Cobbs, Kelly DeShazo, Mike Dial, Diana Diaz Lopez, Michaela Donahue, Megan Duffy, Pinkney Epps, Teresa Floretin, Courtney Godwin, Richard Hartley, Dawn Hiller, Sarah Jusiewicz, Deanie Kane, Taylor King, Ryanne Keefe, Kristi Kinslow, Lauren Kozlik, Mia Lacey, Helen Le, Jenny Leist, Alison Leach-Hughes, Sophie Legare, Xinfeng Liu, Laken Long, Keith Martin, Ali Mathwig, Anna May, Kaitlyn McCanna-Doty, Jacqueline McClary, Sabrina McClure, Sara McConville, Alexis McGill, Sam McMillion, Meredith McNeice, Caleb Morris, Sheila Mull, Kayla Payne, Claire Robinson, Alissa Samek, Lauren Sanborn, Brittany Sparks, Jonathan Spicer, Alyssa Stephens, Maria Targonski, Amanda Therrell, Charles Tisdale, Nancy Tolson, Josh Weakland, Kate Weaver, Valerie Weingart, Andrew Winterfeldt

- October minutes approved

Communications & Culture Concentration

Anna Cunningham

- New English major track
- English: Who We are.
 - Offer small classes
 - Large intellectually diverse department
 - Teach – First year English, SAEL and SPCH courses, Carolina Core eligible course at the 200 level, wide variety of 300 level and higher courses designed for majors or minors
- 5 majors and 4 minors --
 - Majors – General English, Communication and Culture, Writing, Secondary Education (MT option), and Intensive
 - Minors – General English, Creative Writing, Professional Writing and Communication, Speech Communication
- Communication and Culture Major track (30 hrs) consists of:
 - Communication and Culture core – 18 hours
 - 6 hrs in Speech Communication and Rhetoric
 - 6 hrs in Writing and Rhetoric
 - 6 hrs in Media and Culture
 - Major Electives – 12 hours
 - 6 hrs from any of the areas listed above
 - 6 hrs additional ENGL courses at the 300 level or above
 - Diversity Requirement – 3 hrs
 - This course can overlay with any of the other areas

- Benefits of majoring in English
 - Writing communication skills
 - Analytical Reasoning skills
 - Creativity skills
 - Argumentation skills
 - Research skills
 - Advocacy skills
- How students get connected
 - Add a second major
 - Add an English minor
 - Check our INK! – student organization
 - Submit a creative writing to Havilah Babcock Writing Contest
 - Guidelines
 - 5 entries total can be a mix of poems or short stories
 - Must be typed and each must include a separate cover sheet with name, address and USCID
 - Entries cannot have won other contests/awards
 - \$300 prize for best poem and \$300 prize for best short story
 - Submit entries as PDFs or Word docs to Anna Cunningham at aet13@mailbox.sc.edu
 - Deadline is Monday, Jan. 19, 2026
- Potential careers

○ Communication Specialist	○ Marketing
○ Lawyer	○ Business
○ Speech writer	○ Media
○ Politician	○ Library information science
○ Teacher	○ Journalism and publishing
- Questions – contact us – Anna Cunningham, Undergraduate Program Coordinator, aet13@mailbox.sc.edu
Ed Gieskes, Undergraduate Director, gieskese@mailbox.sc.edu

Athletics Advising

Kaitlyn Doty

- Earned 3rd highest semester departmental gpa ever
- Earned 2nd highest cumulative departmental gpa ever
- 17 of 18 teams earned a 3.0 gpa or higher
- Football Transfer Portal dates for 2026 Jan. 2-16
 - Athletics may not become aware of a student desiring to transfer until Jan. 16 and the student still needs to go through the timeline which may mean that the student will not be registering for courses until after the Drop/Add deadline has past
 - Timeline – Recruitment – Application – Admissions – Arrival on Campus – Orientation – Holds – Medical – Registration
 - Transfer students need majors that have room for many elective hours
 - Aware of 30 incoming students for football for the spring semester
 - Must take degree applicable courses

- International students – add to the timeline of dealing with visas and international documents
- Transfer Degree Evaluations
 - Requested by Athletic Compliance/Registrar
 - Need to ensure Transfer SA's meeting NCAA Progress Towards Degree (PTD) and tentative graduation timelines
- Certification Forms and Meetings
 - Submitted for all student athletes to confirm degree progression and completion timeline
 - Specific individuals designated in each college to handle the forms
 - Final semester does not have to be full time from an eligibility standpoint.
- Update from Claire concerning athletics
 - Athletic Certification and UAC are trying to make changes and coordinate with the Registrar, Colleges and Provost office because it has been a fuzzy process over the years
 - there are 3 efforts –
 - Honing in on the roles and who are the leads in each college and have a back up person is someone is out
 - There is a roster on the registrar's website of the leads for each college
 - Website:
 - https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/toolbox/student_athlete_academic_eligibility/athletic-certification-officials/index.php Please check and make sure your college lead is up to date.
 - It is being built into the UAAs job duty within the tier process
 - Jane is working with Charlie in Athletics to set up a training whether you certify the process or an advisor doing your degree applicable case load scrub
 - Final piece is the coordination of the athletic piece of DW, where it can be used to certify athletes
- Athletic Advisor roles
 - Encouraging athletes to set up their advising appointments
 - Then bring those schedules to the athletic advisor to ensure that practice times are being worked around
 - Curriculum changes – they are notified when a student changes their major or adds a major or minor to ensure the student will not lose eligibility to participate
 - Min/Max hours – they can set the minimum hours to be no less than 12 hours. They cannot touch the max hours that is the college. It was mentioned that the message is ERROR only athletics can change. Suggested that the wording be modified. Need to email advreg to raise the credit hours for athletes
 - Summer School – not all athletes are approved to take summer school courses.
- **2026 Drive-In Conference – February 20, 2026**
 - Registration Deadline is January 9th
 - Registration link – <https://forms.office.co/r/m66nDxiucQ>
 - Free and Lunch provided
 - Location – Dodie Center
- Hiring Tutors for all subjects. If you know of any students, please send them their way.

Exploratory Advising & Academic Probation requirements

Keith Martin

- Final grade processing will be December 18
- Letters (email) will be sent notifying of probation will be sent on Monday, Dec 22nd
- Letters will include information/instructions about the student's academic coaching mandate
- Letters (email) will be sent to students placed on 1st suspension on Dec. 22nd
- Important notes regarding suspension
 - Students with fewer than 12 attempted credit hours at the conclusion of the fall are not place on probation regardless of gpa
 - Students are placed on probation after their first semester regardless of low their GPA. Students cannot go from good standing straight to suspension.
- Undergraduate Studies Updates/Reminders
 - Spring 2026 deadline to dismiss student from college is Wednesday, Jan 7th
 - Students dismissed into UGS at the end of fall will be sees as soon as the university opens back up on Jan. 2nd
 - If you have questions, contact – Rachel Bradley, rachel.bradley@sc.edu
- Academic Coaching
 - Availability will begin the day after drop/add – January 21
 - First year probation students and first semester transfer students on probation are mandated to attend an academic coaching session. They must complete an academic coaching profile prior to their scheduled hour-long coaching session
 - If first year probation students have not scheduled a session by the end of week 6 an ACR hold will be placed on their account
- Holds are lifted as students complete their coaching requirement
- EA Availability
 - Availability will be limited for the spring semester as hiring and training new EA advisors
 - Students and staff can be referred to the new landing page fr EA for more information - https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/exploratory_advising/
- The letter that sent out to students mentions the impact on financial aid along with the probation chart, and policy. It tells the students to sign up for academic coaching.
- The student's advisor is copied on the letter
- Jan. 6 Keith with the office of Parent/Family Programing will be discussing the probation process and the coaching process to assist their student

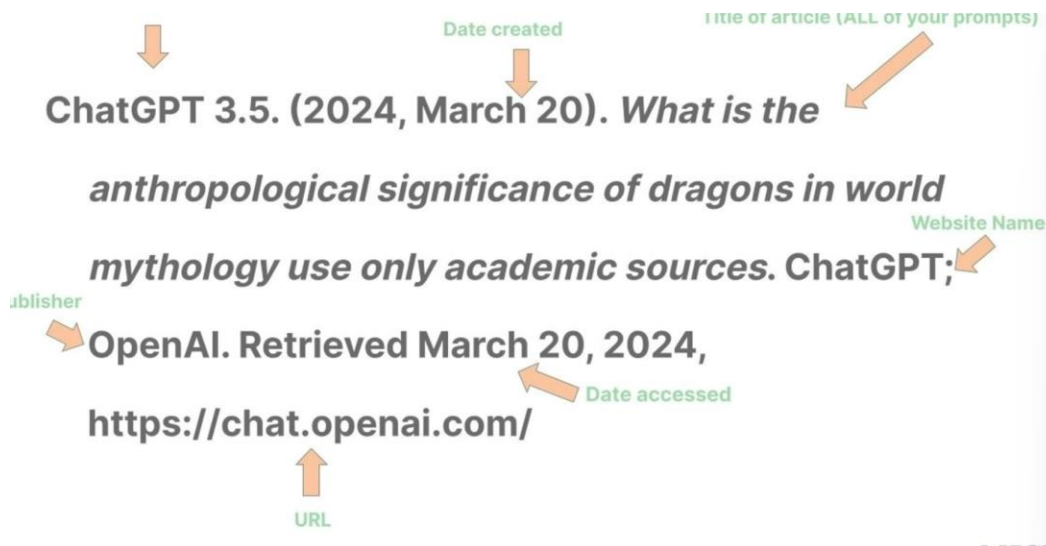
Academic Integrity

Alisa Liggett

Assistant Dean of Students

- December is our busiest month
- What do we do –
 - Conduct conferences and hearings and provide educational and developmental outcomes
 - Education outreach for individuals and community awareness
 - Intervene when problematic behavior is observed
 - Education on community standards and supportive outcomes

- Carolina Judicial Council
- Carolinian Creed week
- U101 Presentation
- Outreach to Faculty and Staff
- Address behaviors on-campus, off-campus, in the residence hall, Greek Village and classrooms
- Most common reasons for cheating –
 - Pressure
 - Laziness
 - Disinterest in the assignment
 - Ran out of time – poor time management skills
- AI Influence –
 - In the 2024-2025 academic year out of the 859 cases 289 were related to AI
 - Violations with use of AI –
 - Cheating – unauthorized aid – 142
 - Cheating – 106
 - Falsification – 21
 - Plagiarism – copied material – 16
 - Plagiarism 0 improper citation – 16
 - Plagiarism - 8
- What happens to the students –
 - Must attend Academic Integrity Workshop – 3 weeks, online, self-paced
 - Learning outcomes - understand Honor Code, evaluate effects of their behavior
 - Assignments are in 3 sections – Incident reflection, community impact, looking ahead
 - Grading is Pass/Fail basis with 2 attempts at passing for each assignment
- AI module created –
 - To form a basic understanding of AI and its possible uses
 - Content and importance of the Honor Code
 - Understanding of the Carolinian Creed
 - Actions violated personal and community standards of behavior
 - Impact their personal values and how they translate to future identity
 - Ability to make ethical decisions.
- How to cite an AI source –



- Online Testing Tips –
- Be in a distraction free environment
- Close door
- Place phone and other devices in another room
- Share with friends and roommates that you will not be available between certain times
- The Basic Needs and Community Shop need faculty and staff volunteers during the exam period because the student workers are not available. They are seeing between 150-200 students a day.

Announcements

Pre-Orientation Academic Advising Summer 2025 ([memo](#))

Ali Mathwig

- Announced by Provost Office on Nov. 17th that all student will receive an academic advisement before attending orientation
- The expectation is that students will have individual appointments with their advisor before attending orientation
- No advisement will take place during orientation
- If the student attends orientation before completing their advisement session, an appointment for advisement will be scheduled at that time.
- Goal is to have 95% of the incoming students registered before Orientation and 100% registered before the first day of class
- Enhance the academic college visits during Orientation.
- Academic College visits will be on Day Two.
- Timeline and Workflow –
- Begin pre-orientation advising by May 26
- Honors appointments will begin on May 11
- Appointments should be at least 45 minutes long
- Summer start students
- May 8 and 29 will continue to have advising at orientation.

- This change is to enhance student experience and better support their academic transition to campus
- More individualized time for students with the 45+minutes appointments
- Moving advising to earlier in the summer hopefully will create space in July for advisors to engage in training and fall semester planning
- Strengthen coordination with academic departments regarding course seat availability

Advisor Award nominations open!

Jane Bouknight

- Deadline is March 14th
- Areas of the award recognition
 - Commitment to Advising Excellence (3+ years)
 - Commitment to Advising Excellence (Less than 3 years)
 - Inclusive Excellence in Advising
 - Advising Administrator
 - Outstanding Advising Initiative
- The website where you can find the application form -
https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/advisor_toolbox/advisor_recognition/advisor_awards/

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