

2016 WNY Advising Conference

Advanced Strategies of Advising International Students

Goals for Next Hour (“What?”)

- Awareness about challenges faced by international students
- Compare and contrast the educational experiences
- Reasoning behind customizable academic advising strategies
- Discussion to start building the toolbox of best practices

What? -> Why? -> When? -> How?

Why Advanced Strategies?

- Increasing flow of international applicants
- Cultural transition, language barriers, financial stress...
- Enhanced role of academic advisor in support network

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Some Common Observations



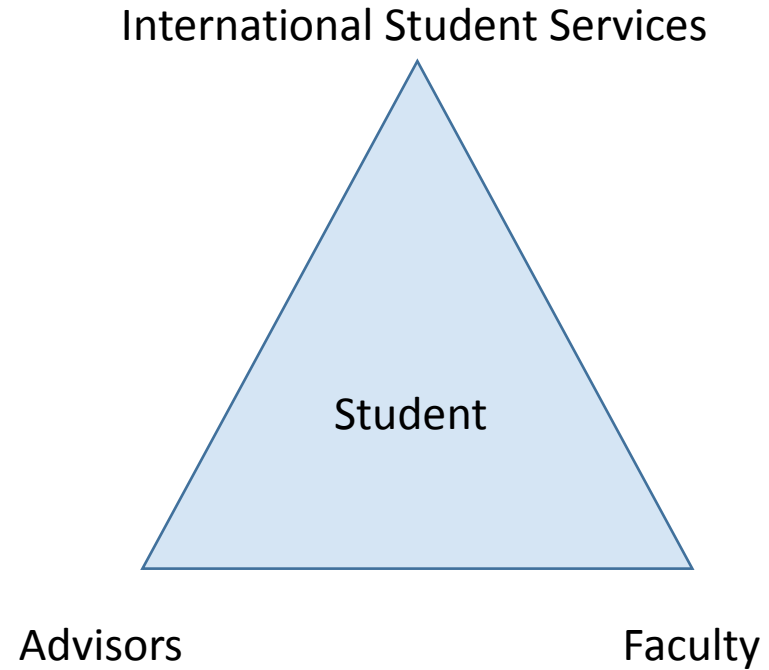
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Communication



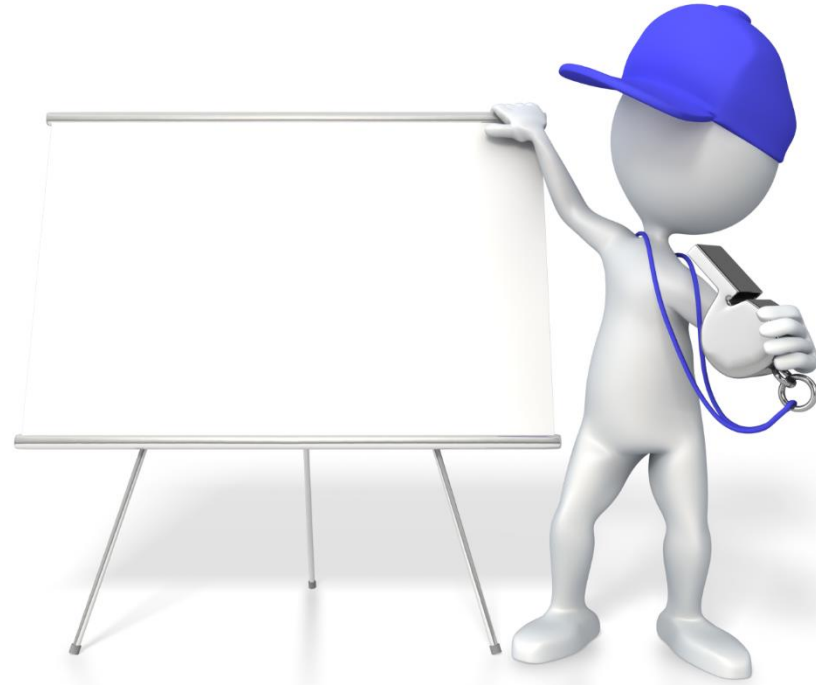
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Academic Integrity



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Role of Academic Advisor as a Life Coach



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Cultural Sensitivity



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Key Takeaways

1. Build your human network across the campus.
2. Patience is the key of effective communication.
3. Be a life coach, an advocate, a trustable friend!
4. Create your own resource toolbox.
5. Provide constant feedback.

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