

## Upcoming Events

- National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Consultant Visit, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
• Organizing Random Acts of Advisement - A Pilot Project  
• SACS Visit, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
• Advising Specialist Highlight

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## Random Acts of Advisement – A Pilot Project

During Fall semester 2007, the GHC Advising Task Force will be conducting an Early Intervention pilot for students placed on academic warning at the end of Summer semester.

Academic Warning is the first rung of the ladder that ultimately leads to academic dismissal. Any student who has attempted 1-15 hours and has an adjusted GPA less than 2.0 is placed on academic warning.

The identified students

were sent a letter from the Vice President of Academic Affairs that stated in part, “You will benefit from regularly visiting the Tutorial Centers for support and advising.” Additionally, the letter stated, “To assist you in improving your adjusted Grade Point Average, you will be **required** to call or email the Student Success Centers for an appointment. An academic advisor will assist you with your

selection of courses for Spring semester 2008. You will be **required** to meet with your academic advisor at least once during Fall semester 2007. You will be unable to register for Spring semester 2008 until the meeting takes place.”

Training for the academic tutors has been and will continue to be provided. Also, a monitoring system is being developed to report compliance with the above requirements.

## Advising Nuggets

When advising a student, keep the following nuggets in mind:

- Transfer prior to degree completion is smoother if an entire area (A-F) is completed
- Students enrolled in a Career Program (Dental Hygiene, Human Services, or Nursing) or a Cooperative Degree Program with Coosa Valley
- Tech or North Metro Tech are not required to satisfy College Prep Curriculum deficiencies (CPCs)
- Students enrolled in a Career or Cooperative Degree Program are not required to take the Regents’ Exam, UNLESS a change of program of study occurs.

## Quote of the Month

“We spend a lot of time talking about how to get students **to** college, but very little time talking about how to get students **through** college.”

Tom Brown,  
former Dean of  
Advising  
Services/Special  
Programs at Saint  
Mary’s College,  
California

## More Random Acts of Advisement

One of the overarching goals of the Advising Task Force is to prepare to scale the advising process to accommodate more and more students. An alternative to one-on-one advising, which will be almost impossible as enrollment continues to grow exponentially, is a classroom-based delivery of advising.

As part of the Advising Task Force, Carolyn Hamrick is researching

this delivery method during the academic year.

Also, a pilot of classroom-based advising will be conducted during Fall semester 2007 for student whose program of study are Business Administration or Teacher Education. A power point presentation and script will be provided to the appropriate faculty to assist with this pilot.

Plans to assess this pilot are being developed,

as well.

Questions, comments, or concerns regarding this pilot and prospective delivery method may be directed to the Advising Task Force members. Members include Gail Campbell, Dr. Virginia Carson, Sandie Davis, Dr. Jed Gillespie, Carolyn Hamrick, Dr. Diane Langston, Sheryl McKinney and Laura Ralston

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*The catalog is your best friend when advising.*



## Transferring to Berry from Georgia Highlands

**Contributed by Dr. Diane Langston**

On August 13, Dr. Virginia Carson, Lanelle Daniel, Donna Daugherty and Dr. Diane Langston met with the Provost and Registrar of Berry College to review course transfer and other possible issues to improve the ability of GHC students to transfer to Berry College.

Several noteworthy items arose immediately:

- 1) ENGL 1102 from GHC is now accepted as the second half of freshman English sequence at Berry without the need

for students' to petition for it.

- 2) COMM 1100 from GHC does NOT meet the core Communication requirement at Berry. Students who are planning to transfer to Berry should take COMM 1110 instead.

A student who completes an Associate's degree with GHC will be well positioned to enter Berry College to complete a four-year degree, if (s)he has taken COMM

1110 to satisfy Area B. Yet, COMM 1100 from GHC can be used as an elective at Berry, but a student would be required to take COMM 1110 at Berry upon admission.

A transfer counselor and a financial aid contact person are being identified by Berry so that students may be referred to those persons.

GHC and Berry are planning to assemble a more detailed brochure with equivalencies and advice that will be made available to all advisors.

## Advising Specialist Spotlight

Teresa Hutchins, Instructor of Political Science, currently serves as the Advising Specialist for the Division of Social Sciences. Teresa has a Bachelors of Arts from Ohio University, a Masters of Arts from both Ohio

University and West Virginia University. She also has some post graduate coursework from West Virginia.

Teresa is beginning her third year as a faculty member at Georgia Highlands College.

Her one piece of academic advising advice for those new to the process is "the catalog is your best friend and have lots of patience."