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# Guiding Principles

- Availability
- Available to all students
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- Model aligns with students
- Advisor Role
- Academic success and retention
- Advisor Support
- Technology and training
- Single Point of Accountability
   Coordinate and monitor process

- Advisor Network
   Faculty and non-faculty professional staff
- Focus
- Priority advising linked to registration
- Resource Model
- One-on-one and group advising
- Leadership Role
- **Executive Team involvement**

## Two Tier Strategy

#### High TOUCH

- **Focus**: students with greatest challenges associated with academic success
- delivered by counselors and interested faculty

### ACE Center <u>A</u>chieving <u>C</u>ollege <u>E</u>xcellence

- Learning Center, ESL, Counseling, Faculty Advisors [6] and Faculty Advisor Broker in a common space
- Faculty Advisor Broker [1 yr]
- Maintains regular schedule in center
- Advises students/make referrals/support ACE Director

### High TECH - Lower TOUCH

- Focus: credit level students
- delivered by ACE faculty volunteers and through web site

### AIM Web Portal <u>Advising Inquiry Menu</u>

- Includes a live chat capability with advisors during designated times
- Option to access <u>ACE</u> Center advisors always available
- Advising Atlas

# Benefits of Two-Tier Strategy

- Gives all students broader access to academic advising services
- face the greatest challenges Links professionals, one-on-one with the students who
- Recognizes the range of maturity levels in our student population - fosters independence
- Values faculty and professional staff who participate
- greatest impact Utilizes advising skill sets where they can make the
- Maximizes the resource level of the institution

# Operational Approach

#### HIGH Touch

- New and Re-admit students enter college via Group Advising Developmental, ESL, Special Needs, Academic Probation and Undeclared students work with
- work with ACE staff taking pre-requisite courses for selective program admission Credit-bearing Liberal Arts, General Studies and students

counselors and interested faculty only

students work with program faculty Credit-bearing Program Accepted and Enrolled

**High Tech/Lower Touch** 

### Operationalize: New and Re-admit Mode

- Managed by Welcome Center
- Complete prescribed in-take profile package, college application process and intake data input [Banner data fields are complete]
- Orient applicants to placement testing and its implications
- Provide option of brush up workshop [before placement test]

### 2 step process

- 1. Applicant completes placement test; is scheduled into group advising workshop
- 2. Student returns to attend group advising workshop receives placement results, is assigned an advisor and registers for courses
- Deliver Group Advising Workshops during day, evening and weekends
- Supported by Counseling, Financial Aid, Business Office and Faculty, etc.

### Operationalize: Developmental, ESL, Special Needs, Academic Probation and Undeclared Students, Mode

- Advisor assigned to student until student declares a major successfully completes 9+ credits and
- Advisor functions primarily as counselor; may include interested faculty
- Advisor [Counselor] is a <u>case manager</u>
- Student must see advisor use of system hold in conjunction with registration

### Arts/General Studies and Pre-Program Operationalize: Credit Bearing Liberal Admission

- Advisor assigned to student until student successfully completes 9+ credits
- Advisor is primarily ACE faculty; may include counseling
- Advisor is facilitator
- Student must see advisor use of system hold in conjunction with registration
- Counselor is transfer advising subject matter expert

### Operationalize: Credit Bearing Career Program and Accepted Students Wodel

- Managed by Program Coordinator
- Assigns faculty and process based on specific mode
- Negotiates support from ACE, if required
- AIM [Advising Inquiry Menu] is key technology tool
- Counselor is 2<sup>nd</sup> level of transfer advising support