WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

STRENGTHENING OUR ADVISING COMMUNITY

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PRE- MARCH 2020, THE STATE OF THE ADVISING COMMUNITY ON MY CAMPUS WAS........
POST MARCH 2020, THE STATE OF THE ADVISING COMMUNITY ON MY CAMPUS WAS........
GOALS FOR TODAY'S SESSION

1. Explore the benefits advising communities make to advisors AND students

2. Review the new technology resources and “best practices” supporting advising

3. Share ideas for collaboration in virtual advising environments moving forward
GEORGIA TECH ACADEMIC ADVISING NETWORK

- Founded 2002 for internal advisor networking
- Monthly in-person meetings in centralized location
- Best Practices conference annually since 2004
- No formal membership, academic advisors and campus partners welcome
- Executive board = leadership opportunities
BENEFITS OF ADVISING COMMUNITIES FOR ADVISORS

- Professional Engagement
- Collaboration
- Fellowship
- Accessibility to information
- Advising theory to practice
- Opportunities for growth

BENEFITS OF ADVISING COMMUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

• Accuracy and scope of advising information
• Variety of styles of advisement (appreciative, intrusive)
• Equal opportunity of access to information and assistance (standardization between units)
• Improved technology uses (flipped advising)

Physical Space Limitations

Short timeframe did not encourage networking

No stored location for resources

Day/Time conflict for faculty advisors

Informational and minimal conceptual or relational training
MARCH 2020 TO PRESENT
(COVID-19 ADAPTATIONS)
2020-2021 INNOVATIONS

Meetings + Connections

Technology Improvements

Access and audience
GTAAN MEETING SCHEDULE

PRESENTED VIA BLUEJEANS
SUMMER SESSIONS
BI-MONTHLY
CONNECTIONS
TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

Dedicated Learning Management Course

- Best Practices/Examples (flipped advising and pre-orientation meetings)
- Recordings of events
- Centralized location for reporting/data protocols
ACCESS AND AUDIENCE

• Meeting day/time flexibility
• Focus on relational/conceptual training attracts more senior advisors
• Presentation by colleagues outside campus
  • Guest panel on remote advising best practices
  • Virtual Best Practices 1 day conference
LASTING IMPACTS ON OUR ADVISING COMMUNITY

- Raising profile for Academic Advising on GT campus
- Consistency among advising units to improve student experience
- Ability to provide “on demand” professional development via recordings/saved content
- Virtual meeting options for increased access
SESSION REVIEW:

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QUESTIONS?

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REFERENCES
