Come Together: Building an Advising Community on a Decentralized Campus

Ever wonder what best practices your colleagues are using or wish that you could find ways to connect with other advisors across campus? Academic advisors serving decentralized campuses often encounter unique challenges, including isolation and lack of connections. Wayne State University is an institution with almost 100 advisors across campus. WSU’s decentralized model of advising makes it difficult for our advisors to build a community with each other, but we are not letting that stop us. Here are some example of what we are doing at WSU to bring advisors together.

Advisor Advocacy Groups

- Academic Advising Council (AAC) Committees:
  - Advising Summit Planning
  - Training
  - Communication
  - Membership Engagement
  - Elections and Nominations
  - Advisor Volunteerism and Service

Social Events

- Advisor Meet-ups
- Advising Picnic
- Social Activity at the Summit
- Advisor Café

Technology Tools

- Assist Anywhere Initiative
- Advising Best Practices Collective on Canvas
- Advisor Directory

Advisor Development

- New Advisor Liaisons
- Advising Summit
- Post-Conference Reporting Sessions
- Advisor Training Academy (ATA)
- Promotion Workshop

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