

Resolution SS0708-28

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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE ACADEMIC ADVISORY STRUCTURE**

Whereas, The First Years Study program has an organized and efficient academic advising system, and students are often unaware of whom their advisor is after freshman year;

Whereas, Students need advising and guidance when selecting classes and majors, and do not know where to receive this help;

Whereas, Students who seek help are able to find it, but it would be more effective if they knew exactly where to turn when they have questions;

Whereas, Many students do not develop a personal relationship with their advisor, a necessary condition when asking for recommendations, especially in the Mendoza College of Business;

Whereas, Students find the transition from one advisor to another to be complicated while switching majors; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Student Senate proposes that the departments of the University consider the following recommendations to their academic advisory structures.

1. Freshmen come out of the First Year Studies program unsure of whom their academic advisor is. These students need to be notified of whom to contact when selecting classes and making decisions about their major. Possible suggestions for making this more obvious are a more prominent tab on insideND or requiring students to meet with their advisor at least once in the beginning of the year, even if they do not have any questions or pressing concerns.
2. The members of the Committee on Academic Affairs have agreed that the mandated meetings in each college followed by a breakout session with their major are extremely helpful. It is recommended that all departments establish a meeting such as this, so that students will know what they need to do and who they need to talk to in the context of their school and major.
3. Because there are only four undergraduate advisors in the Mendoza College of Business, several students have expressed the concern that they do not have an individual and personal relationship with an advisor. It is recommended that Mendoza considers increasing the number of advisors, or have each advisor see fewer students.
4. It often takes a substantial amount of time to schedule an appointment with an advisor, and it would be beneficial to have an advisor permanently in the department office to answer any quick questions a student may have.

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