



# Academic Affairs (Breakout)

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**Meeting Location:** HUB 229

*Council Weekend #1*

*Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Call to Order: 3:20 pm*

## **I. Introductions:**

- Malek Ac. Aff. Director- this breakout will talk about ways to improve advising and discuss StarFish

## **II. Old Business:**

- N/A

## **III. New Business:**

- Went around the room and gave a brief description of pros and cons about advising on each campus
  - i. Group consensus: advising is awful. They aren't trained in the field they are advising in. Most students are self-advising some students don't even have an advisor.
- Adel Beaver- can we make it easier for students to educate themselves on self-advising
- Christine UPark- possibly implement educating freshman by using FYS
- Zach Altoona- Make all recommended academic look the same and make sure they are "perfect"
- Taylor NewKen- Do the advisors have a choice in being an advisor or are they being told to do it? No I don't think so?
- Gina WS – are FYS mandatory? Only UPark, only some campuses don't even have them.
- Lilly Haz- Curriculum in FYE classes could help student read degree audits and learn how to use new technology (LionPath, Canvas)

ALL THREE BREAKOUTS RECONVENE

## **IV. Open Forum:**

- General consensus: overall positive feedback from breakouts within Ac. Aff.
  - Great dialog in each breakout and wouldn't have been as productive if we all talked as a whole because we got through 3 topics all at once.

- Adel Beaver- possible polycom between councils

**NOTE TO ALL!** If your campus does NOT require FYEs please talk to your DAA and find out WHY for next council!

*Adjournment: 4:20 pm*