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Subj.: Proposal: Mandatory Advising for Transfer Students

Academic counseling is one of the cornerstones of student success. Recognizing this, the University of Houston established the Advising Coordinators Team (ACT) in FY 2005 to make policy recommendations that enhance the quality of advising on campus.

On behalf of the Advising Coordinators' Team, I would like to propose a recommendation to the Undergraduate Council to consider placing an advising hold on all entering transfer students beginning summer 2009. With this hold, all new transfer students will be required to receive advising from an academic advisor in their major.

Currently, mandatory advising is required of all FTICs but not of the transfer population. However, selection of classes is a more involved process for transfer students since it is necessary to take into account the classes they have completed at previous higher education institutions, their grades earned, and their declared major at UH. Some colleges/programs are more proactive and have placed advising holds on transfer students so as to assist them to select the proper classes. With an advising hold placed on all incoming transfer students beginning summer 2009, the advisors will be able to assist all transfer students to select the optimal schedule.

I would be glad to meet with the subcommittee to answer any concerns and questions regarding this proposal. Thank you for your kind consideration.