

Student Success Task Force  
Subcommittee on Academic Integration

Notes from Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting

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Our group met to review our goals and ideas and to formalize our recommendations.

**Goal One:** We hope to expose students to career possibilities within their majors AND to increase their awareness of the job search assistance available to them.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend that each department meet with its Career Connections liaison to customize a plan for integrating Career Connections information with the department's academic endeavors. In conjunction with this meeting, the department and CC will develop a web-based CC presentation that shows opportunities within each discipline and encourages career planning.
2. During the sophomore year, students must complete the above-mentioned web-based informational program about Career Connections. This program will offer information from the CC website, including what services are offered and how to use the services. It will also explain the careers available in the students' current major. Students will be held accountable for this information through a post-presentation quiz. We further recommend that this program be a sophomore experience requirement. As such, successful completion of the quiz will be noted on the student's Flightpath page. Any sophomore lacking this requirement should be notified by his/her advisor.
3. We recommend that each department offer career information in at least one designated course, preferably a junior-level course.
4. We recommend that all departments work with Career Connections to schedule presentations and lectures by professionals in their fields. These events will serve as career information and networking opportunities.
5. We recommend that a seminar on Career Connections be made available to advisors during each University Week. We strongly encourage advisors to avail themselves of this information.

**Goal Two:** We hope to bridge the gap between academic life and campus life while sustaining and improving overall quality.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend that all departments sponsor a student organization open to all its majors, regardless of gpa or hours earned. This organization will have programs that will cultivate interest in the major and encourage networking with faculty, fellow students, and professionals in the field.
2. We recommend that all student groups participate in the student organizations fair.