

# The Institute for Learning and Teaching

## Advising Professional Development Task Force



**Key Question:** What is being done elsewhere to support the professional development of advisors?

**1. Handbooks for advisors.** These handbooks typically include the following information:

- Advising process (including the “stages of advising”)
- Undergraduate policies and procedures
- Campus resources
- Career advising
- Advising theories
- Core information (e.g., drop dates, finals, registration deadlines)
- Professional development and networking
- Web links and presumed handout

**2. Symposiums and Conferences**

- Ranging from one day conferences to week long
- Online and face to face

**3. Links to advising journals**

- Ex. “The Mentor” produced by Penn State (<http://www.psu.edu/dus/mentor>)

**4. Resources specific to an institution for students and advisors**

- Degree completion sheet
- Catalogs
- Step-by-step instructions for advising/advisee
- Tutoring
- Peer advising, undergraduate, graduate and professional

**5. Orientations provided to students/staff**

- Roles of advising
- University life

**6. Memberships**

- NACADA
- Institution/statewide memberships

**7. Web Resources**

- “Ask the Advisor” where email messages can be sent to advisor (e.g., <http://www.psu.edu/advising/ask.htm>)
- Core Information
- Advising theories and practices

### Institutional Web Sites

- Kansas State University: <http://www.k-state/advising/>
- University of Idaho: <http://www.students.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=35604>
- Oklahoma State University: <http://www.uas.okstate.edu>

- National Academic Advising Association: [http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Membership/allied\\_members.htm](http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Membership/allied_members.htm)
- Indiana Academic Advising Network: <http://iaan.calumet.purdue.edu/>
- The University of Texas at Arlington: <http://www.uta.edu/utaaa/>
- Penn State University: <http://www.psu.edu/advising>
- University of Puget Sound: <http://www.ups.edu/x18192.xml>