

February 7, 2016 - DAB Meeting Notes

Pre-major Advising

- Review survey of pre-major advising from last year's pilot program
 - Feedback on advising program
 - Problem with survey: low response rate, low survey completion rate once opened
- Now: sending out a mass survey, keeping it open until Fall 2017 Advanced Registration
- Includes information to send to advisors so they can get feedback on their advising
- DAB Responses:
 - Could we replicate this for career services? Do they have something similar?
 - Should create a summary of the positive and negative responses about advising to easily communicate feedback
 - How to increase response rate:
 - Prizes
 - Mandatory (or else, what?)
 - Send in name of students and not administration - encourage students to help their advisors improve their activities
 - Advertise on the facebook page
 - Make it seem *fun and friendly*

Data Analysis

- Enrolled Students Survey (ESS) and the Perception of Undergraduate Life and Student Engagement (PULSE)
- Samip: survey shows breakdown of income, parental education
 - DAB should focus on improving the experience of the lower half of the responses
 - Potential Solutions: hold focus groups from a diverse subset of Penn students
- Santoosh: faculty interactions, students didn't interact with faculty as much as they should have or would have liked
 - Potential Solutions: faculty advertise further opportunities to get to know them or engage with their areas of interest
 - Take your professor to lunch program: encourage professors to talk about it, offer a coffee option that is less of a commitment, coffee chats in groups
- Shay: $\frac{2}{3}$ students awarded a work-study which is 3x the amount of most comparable institutions → we should create a better way to find a work-study job
 - Potential Solutions: create an introduction to work-study guide or seminar
 - Other problem: keep the directory updated when jobs are filled (currently maintained by career services?)

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