

Student Government Association

REPORT ON ACADEMIC ADVISING

- The biggest problem facing students when it comes to advising is the difference between faculty advisors and college advisors. There seems to be a gap in communication between faculty advisors and college advising.
- The College Advising Center is overwhelmed during periods directly before and after registration.
- Instead of using the “quiet periods” which are weeks 3 thru 8 of a semester, students only see an advisor when registration is in progress or during the drop/add period. This student behavior combined with a lack of advisors and staff in the College Advising Center creates waiting lists during the first three and last few weeks of an academic semester.
- The ratio of students to advisors is a growing problem for Columbia and its students.
- **To address the student culture, a better effort should be made by the Student Government to encourage students to meet with their advisors in off peak periods and show up to appointments.**
- **To address the college’s role, we ask that Bill Friedman, Brian Marth, and Kari Walters create a short wish list of requests for the SGA that they feel would alleviate some of the strain on the Advising Center and clear up some of the issues in the current system.**
- We have faith that the right people are in place to fix the problems that exist and improve the situation for future classes.
- A Campus Center will allow college advisors to have more access to students especially in off peak periods. If students regularly gathered in one space, spreading the message about early meetings with advisors would be easier and it could help alleviate the current problems.

***** The full report is available in the SGA office located at 1104 S. Wabash in the HUB. If you have questions or comments on any student issue contact us: 312-344-6657 or sga@colum.edu