

Advising Narrative - EPPS

Advising in Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences has faced several challenges in the past two years. We have been in the process of decentralizing advising functions to the individual programs in the School creating challenges in student communication. These issues have now been resolved. Beginning in late 2004, and early 2005, two additional advisors were hired. One of these advisors left in August 2006 following student complaints. Another has been on maternity leave and is returning November 1.

The advising function has been assessed based upon student input including direct comments to advisors, as well as the Associate Dean, and anonymous surveys that are provided yearly by the Undergraduate Dean's Office. The advisor specific comments and general student commentary regarding the advising staff have been shared with school advisors. Some of these concerns dealt with inability to contact advisor in a timely manner, completion of audits, and related matters.

All advisors have been counseled concerning student input, whether positive or negative. At the current time, our priorities reflected in the 2006 FY assessment have concentrated on completion of degree audits and making sure that first year students have degree plans. We believe completion of these goals should lead to an increase in overall effectiveness of the School's advising services and produce greater student satisfaction.