

Orientation Updates Meeting

Student Transition & Family Engagement
2/12/2021

**Next Orientation
Update Meeting:**
Friday, March 12th
10:00-11:00 am

1. 2021 Orientation Dates

a. March 26, 9 am-12 pm (TSO)

- i. TSO will be primarily virtual, with an option for students to visit campus for individual appointments
- ii. More details related to advising for students going through TSO will come later
- iii. Carissa is contacting transfer students individually to customize needs as they begin at Washburn

b. June 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19 (NSO/TSO)

- i. Transfer students will have the opportunity to attend an NSO session during June, if they want; in past years we have had some transfer students attend NSO sessions during the summer
- ii. Currently, we are planning to hold NSO in person, on campus
- iii. Please note that dates are Mon/Wed/Fri on one week, and Tues/Thurs/Sat on the other week, to provide a wide variety of scheduling needs for both faculty/staff and students/families
 1. Testing out a Saturday NSO session due to previous assessment feedback indicating Saturday is the most popular date that students would like to attend NSO
 2. If you would like Carissa and Dr. Liedtke to assist in working with supervisors to adjust things during the weeks around the NSO dates, please let Carissa know

c. August 18 (NSO/TSO)

2. Event planning and development

a. Location

- i. Locations are planned for all dates – we will start each NSO day in the new indoor athletic facility!
- ii. We will focus on small groups (maintaining COVID safety guidelines) to give students and their guests access to connect with each other and students, faculty, and staff on campus

b. Advising

- i. Working regularly with all faculty and professional advisors on campus
- ii. During summer 2020 we implemented individual advising appointments, and that was successful!

- iii. Hoping to pre-schedule advising appointments so that it is easier for students to attend their individual advising appointment
 - 1. We plan to work with each advisor's availability, and utilize the personal advising links that are newly available through Navigate
- iv. It is unlikely that we will be able to advise all students on the same date as NSO, so we are hoping to schedule students for individual appointments, and avoid heavy advising in July

c. Content

- i. Hybrid – some content will be available on the Orientation website (washburn.edu/orientation)
 - 1. We are grateful for the use of D2L last year, but the logistics of connecting students to D2L were challenging, so we will be moving the online content to the website so that everyone can access it easily
- ii. Day of NSO sessions will stream live
 - 1. We will plan to live broadcast these sessions so that students and families/guests can fully participate in real time from a distance
- iii. The day of NSO will be the opportunity for students to connect, ask questions, complete any remaining necessary paperwork, advising, accommodations, financial aid, etc...
- iv. In the next couple of weeks, Carissa will be working on which content will be available online, and which content will be offered live – if you have anything to share about this, please contact Carissa or send her a meeting invitation in Outlook

3. Promotion of Student Orientation Counselor position – seeking 15-20 students from May-September (six applicants as of 2.11.2021)

- a. If you know of anyone who would be a good Student Orientation Counselor (SOC), please help us get connected with interested students!
 - i. You can refer applicants to Carissa
 - ii. You can refer applicants to the website and online application
 - iii. Information about SOC applications will be OSID update

4. Questions

- a. When will SOC training occur?

- i. Dates to be determined; training typically occurs on Saturdays during the spring semester
 - 1. Looking at a few Saturday dates in April/May - these
 - 2. June 3rd & 4th is scheduled for the official training where SOCs will receive information about resources
- b. What is the deadline on SOC applications?
 - i. March 1, 2021
- c. Can some advisors go back to group advising?
 - i. Yes, we are open to that! We want to do whatever is best for the advisors and the students.
 - ii. Please let Carissa know your plans for advising (individual or group), as well as your needs (computer labs, etc...) so that we can accommodate them
 - iii. Plan to be consistent in the method of advising that your area will offer during NSO (ex: all group advising or all individual advising)
- d. If advising appointments are pre-scheduled, what is the best way for advisors to be involved on the NSO dates?
 - i. Being available to check schedules, give tours (if applicable to your area), answer questions, provide resources and tips to students (ex: what to bring and expect during the first week of classes)
- e. How can we facilitate the resource fair?
 - i. Please think about this and contact Carissa with any ideas!
- f. If you are the representative for your area, please bring all ideas and questions to Carissa so that we can answer questions and incorporate ideas!