

Orientation Updates Meeting

Student Transition & Family Engagement

3/12/2021

(Next meeting is Friday, April 10, 10-11 AM)

Ideas for resource fair?

- Roadmap of campus to highlight the different areas/categories on campus
- Provide a passport and then give stamps as students visit different areas and/or organizations
- One sheet summary/categorization of all student orgs
- Consider having the Resource Fair as part of the Welcome Week activities

Student Orientation Counselor updates

- Orientation Assistant: Sydney Fox, Washburn alum and current graduate student at University of Kansas in Higher Education Administration graduate program
- Orientation Intern: Cheyanne Colwell, third year at Washburn and Topeka native, studying Secondary Education, tutors with AVID program
- Orientation Team training: Thursday, June 3rd and Friday, June 4th (Dessert Social to meet SOCs for staff & faculty)
 - 8 SOCs who have accepted the position and we are working on some ways to encourage students to be interested and/or accept the position
 - Save the Date: Dessert Social on June 4th to meet the SOCs; invitation emailed in April

Draft of summer orientation schedule

Morning

- Check-In
 - Work with IT to help students get their Washburn accounts activated beforehand
- Welcome
 - TBA: Dr. Mazachek and/or Dr. Farley give the welcome message
 - Large group ice breaker
- Campus Tour (condensed)
 - Tour groups based on academic majors
- Morning Sessions
 - Sessions are a little longer than previous years to give more opportunities for questions
 - Student Life & Wellness session will be panel-style, for questions
 - Center for Student Success & WU 101 session will be focus on what to expect during first year and WU 101
 - Money Matters session will be focus on a positive conversation about money and paying for college

Afternoon

- Academic Presentations

- Structure of a Washburn degree, how to create a balanced schedule, specific degree program information, etc.
- Advising & Enrollment
 - Many advisors feel strongly that the individual advising appointments were a much better experience (for both student and advisor) than previous years of group advising
 - Our main goal is to keep things consistent regarding advising
 - We are not anticipating doing virtual appointments on the day of NSO; virtual advising appointments may happen before or after NSO date(s)
- Other
 - There are a few other items that we need to include, but are working on incorporating these in to the schedule

Carissa's to do list for March-April

- Finalize content for NSO (online vs. in-person)
- Develop scripts and videos for content not yet created
- Confirm NSO academic advisors, locations, and appointment availability
- Coordinate rooms with in-person sessions for NSO event schedule

Orientation dates reminder

- TSO: March 26, 9 am-11 am, advising appointments from 3/26 - 4/2
- NSO: June 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19 (in-person), June 17 (virtual), August 18 (in-person), 8:15 am- 5 pm

Questions?

- Needs volunteers for helping with NSO and will be send out a form in April
 - If you sign up, please plan to attend a short, virtual training so that we are providing the same message to all incoming students
- When will we know how many students we might be able to enroll prior to NSO dates?
 - Carissa will come up with a plan for which students are eligible for early bird registration, and will coordinate early advising appointments.