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Life in balance: Blending work and education

The theme for the ninth annual WACADA Conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin—Sheboygan on Friday, September 22, 2005, is “Life in Balance: Blending Work & Education.” With

more and more students needing to work while attending school the line between the traditional and non-traditional student is disappearing. “Life in balance: Blending Work & Education” will explore the needs of this new class of student in regards to advising and retention.

Please note the change in the location of the conference. Originally it was scheduled for Lakeland College but due to some unforeseen circumstances the University of Wisconsin—Sheboygan has graciously accepted the challenge of putting on the conference at their fine establishment.

The Call for Proposals brochure will be mailed in mid-March. The planning committee is anticipating a range of topic options that would relate to advising and retention of the working student. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Carol Ann Bailey, is director of Middle Tennessee State



University’s Adult Services Center. Dr. Bailey served as the Chair of the Adult Learners Commission of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and was a charter

member of the Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE).

The pre-conference committees are busy putting together their plans for very informative and interesting pre-conference meetings on Thursday, September 22. Likewise, the sub-committees for the conference on Friday, September 23, are also busy planning what looks to be a very good conference.

The registration form and program of events will be mailed in May. At that time the hotel information will be listed. So, please mark your calendar today for September 22–23 and plan to be in Sheboygan for the ninth annual WACADA Conference. For more information, contact Laurie Freeland, Conference Coordinator, at (414) 476-6565 or email at freelandlj@lakeland.edu.

From the President: Tim Walls

As you read this newsletter, spring break for you, your colleagues, and your students has come and gone. Fresh off the beaches or the slopes, or watching basketball tournaments, or Easter celebrations, we now find ourselves in the midst of registration, which means we are busy.

Most of us will be up to our ears in students wanting advising help: what should I take? Should I study abroad? Should I transfer? What should I major in? I have a quick question, should I take a summer class? Can I take a class off campus? How much longer before I graduate? The list goes on. In the midst of that busyness we tend to set some things aside until we have a few moments to spare or we may wait until registration is over to get back to those things we have set aside.

Before you get too busy, let me remind you of a few WACADA things. We have nominations coming up for a number of our WACADA awards. Please consider nominating one of your colleagues for our advising awards. WACADA sponsors awards in four areas: Advising Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement in Advising Award, WACADA Leadership Award, and the Advising Profession Impact award. I know that there are many members in this organization worthy of one of these awards. As president, I want to encourage you to take the time to nominate one of your deserving colleagues.

We also have our WACADA Professional Development Grants. As the application statement says, “WACADA is committed to assisting members in participating in professional development opportunities through classes, workshops, seminars, research and conference.” With many of our budgets being scaled back, this is one way for you to be able to attend professional development opportunities, so please consider applying for one of these grants.

Our conference planning committee with Laurie Freeland as conference chair has been working quite hard on our ninth annual conference. Our conference site is going to be UW—Sheboygan and the theme is “Life in Balance: Blending Work and Education.” The main focus is on the many different styles of students who have lots of other “Life” things on their plate and still find time to get their education. Be on the lookout for postcard reminders and call for proposal brochures.

Finally, being a member of WACADA is a worthy endeavor, but being on the WACADA board is truly an experience. I want to invite you to experience it by becoming part of the WACADA board. We will have three openings for next year: President-elect, VP of Membership, and Secretary. Feel free to email myself or any board member for information on becoming part of the WACADA Board.

Tim Walls
WACADA President

Professional grant summary

UW—Whitewater was proud to receive two \$250 grants through the WACADA grant program. Both grants were written to support current and ongoing activities related to academic advising services in the UWW Academic Advising & Exploration Center and the UWW campus. Efforts to improve technology and access to advising related materials were the central theme in both grant proposals. The grant money helped supplement wireless capabilities in the office and further develop the new advising application within the Peoplesoft system.

Students can now access course recommendations that are discussed with their advisor through this system. Furthermore, different advisors, departments and faculty members have seamless and timely data regarding individual information discussed during advising sessions. This sharing of information has led to better and more consistent campus communication regarding advising issues and topics. By the 2005–2006 school year the UW—Whitewater campus hopes to be completely paperless in terms of advising-related records.

For more information regarding the new advising application within Peoplesoft, you can contact Matt Jurvelin, Asst. Director, Academic Advising & Exploration Center, at (262) 472-5226 or jurvelim@uww.edu.



Time to recognize an outstanding advising professional

Outstanding achievement in the advising field should be recognized and rewarded. Although many professionals in the field deserve recognition for all the energy and dedication that goes into their advising career, only a few will be identified as outstanding advisors doing exemplary work in the field. Please don’t let those outstanding advisors go unrecognized. The following awards are open for nomination: Advising Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement in Advising Award, WACADA Leadership, Advising Profession Impact Award (for new professionals). To learn more about each of the awards, obtain criteria for submission or acquire the nomination forms, go to the WACADA website at www.wacada.org. If you have questions regarding the WACADA Advising Awards, contact Steve Schneider, Past President, at schneide@fvtc.edu. The deadline for award nominations is July 1, 2005. The winners will receive their awards at the Annual WACADA Conference in September. WACADA winners will also be considered for NACADA awards next year.

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Membership Update

You should have already received an email from Matt Jurvelin, VP Membership, with an updated Excel file of the 2005 WACADA membership. We are excited about the flexibility and access this format of a directory will afford you. It prints easily and be sorted in addition to being updated quickly. Boasting a diverse membership of more than 210 individuals from around the state, WACADA strives to keep you connected to others in this organization that can serve as a resource for you throughout the year. Please keep this file saved for your benefit and stay connected! Know someone that should join? New member forms are available on our website; see <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/wacada/membership.htm> to download the membership form and sign up to be a part of WACADA.

2005 Region 5 Conference Update

The Region 5 Great Lakes 2005 Conference was held in the beautiful city of Toronto March 17-20, 2005. Tim Walls led the Wisconsin breakout session, which was attended by 8 to 10 Wisconsin colleagues, at which the following items were discussed: a Region V survey, WACADA conference update, Region V and WACADA elections and grants. Regional and Wisconsin advising listserv information was also distributed. We did have some non-WACADA members attending this meeting who were interested in becoming members as well as spreading the word about WACADA to some of their campus colleagues.

"Hitting the Jackpot: Making Academic Success a Sure Bet!" is the theme of the 2005 NACADA National Conference to be held Wednesday, October 5 through Saturday, October 8, 2005. The conference hotel is Bally's in Las Vegas. Information and registration is at: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/NationalConf/2005/index.htm>.

Hope we have a great Wisconsin presence in Nevada!

2005 Professional Development Grants

WACADA is committed to assisting our members in participating in professional development opportunities through classes, workshops, seminars, research, and conferences. We award two \$250 grants for professional development purposes. Your activity must be for a project that deals with academic advising issues and you must share your experience with colleagues. Please submit a brief proposal by July 1, 2005. The application form is located at the web site at <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/wacada/grants.html>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 13, 2005

WACADA Conference Proposals Due

June 12-18, 2005

NACADA Summer Institute
St. Paul, MN

July 1, 2005

WACADA Advising Award Nominations Due
WACADA Professional Grant Requests Due

July 31-Aug 5, 2005

NACADA Summer Institute
Colorado Springs, CO

September 22-23, 2005

WACADA Annual Conference
UW-Sheboygan

October 5-8, 2005

NACADA Conference
Las Vegas, NV

March/April 2006

NACADA Region V Conference
Cleveland, OH

September 2006

WACADA Annual Conference
UW-Parkside

September 2007

WACADA Annual Conference
UW-River Falls

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand 11/15/04	\$6,500.34
Receipts	\$172.24
Disbursements	\$240.55
Balance 3/15/05	\$6,432.03

**ADVISING
RESOURCE
CORNER**

The Advising Recourse Corner is a new feature to the WACADA Newsletter. The purpose of the addition is to provide academic advisors, both faculty and professional, "quick tips" for daily use. If you have "tips" you would like to share with others, contact Cathy Mathweg, cmathweg@mariancollege.edu.

The *NACADA Academic Advising — A Comprehensive Handbook* is a great resource for all academic advisors.

Check out the WACADA website's (www.wacada.org) Advising Resources and Feature Article links for various academic advising information.

"Good Advising may be the single most underestimated characteristic of a successful college experience."

— *Dr. Richard Light,
"Making the Most
Out of College:
Students Speak
Their Mind"*