

University Advisors Network

September 24, 2025

In-person: UAC Training Room, 3rd floor Close-Hipp

Via TEAMS: [Join the meeting now](#)

Attendees: Valeria Bates, Lily Benitez, Jane Bouknight, Rebecca Boyd, Jillian Carey-Bigony, Caitlyn Brockington, Della Bryant, Chantelle Cayruth, Latecia Cobbs, Kelly DeShazo, Mike Dial, Nora Dragovic, Brian Dusel, Pinkney Epps, Hayes Hampton, Richard Hartley, Marci Heidt, Dawn Hiller, Sarah Jusiewicz, Helen Le, Jenny Leist, Brandon Lindsey, Xinfeng Liu, Laken Long, Aaron Marterer, Keith Martin, Ali Mathwig, Anna May, Kaitlyn McCanna-Doty, Sabrina McClure, Caleb Morris, Sheila Mull, Kayla Payne, Anita Poole, Marrisa Rittermeyer, Lauren Sanborn, Jonathan Spicer, Alyssa Stephens, Amanda Therrell, Kay Thomas, Charles Tisdale, Nancy Tolson, Kate Weaver, Valerie Weingart

Welcome and overview of UAN

**Claire Robinson
Nora Dragovic**

- First meeting this semester we like to do housekeeping
- Cover wide range of topics
- Meet each month
- Minutes and resources are on the website
- Thank you to Dawn Hiller for the minutes, Sara McConville for the technical aspects of the meeting, Jillian Bigony and Kerry Armbruster for Chairing the Tech Subcommittee
- Approve the May minutes – motioned and approved

Admissions updates

Teresa Florentin

- 5 year enrollment goals not set by admissions
- Growing freshman class by 2-3% per year
- Continue to enroll more SC residents
- Raise retention/persistence rate to 94% across all cohorts
- Increase 4year and 6 year graduation rates
- New students from every county in SC
- 13% increase in freshman from SC in the top 10% of their class
- USC Columbia enrolled 7814 students and 4129 were SC residents
- New undergraduate students – 78% freshmen, 16% transfer, and Other 6% which is broken into 3% Pathway and Gateway and 3% Other
- First-time, full-time freshmen retention rates in 2009 85.9% to 2023 92.1
- Fall enrollment by college
- Top 3 colleges in Fall 2025 enrollments - McCausland 35%, Moore School of Business at 19%, Molinaroli Engineering at 12%
- Increase of 14% SC high school increase of graduation from 2014-2040 but overall, 10% decline in HS graduation to 2040
- Top majors – Biology, Business Undeclared, Exercise Science, Finance, Marketing, Mechanical Engineering, Pre-International Business, Pre-Nursing, Psychology, Public

Health, Sport and Entertainment Management, and Undeclared – this accounts for 50% of the class

- All SC counties are represented, and 46 states are represented with 2057 different high schools
- Top 10 states for applications –These states went up in application – New York, North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, these went down New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, these stay the same Virginia, Massachusetts, Illinois.
- Question of recruiting nontraditional students - Non freshman population – transfer recruitment with SC Tech schools, returning students
- Efforts to recruit first-gen students to apply providing resources for them
- Reason not to attend –several reasons were tied to Financial – cost, scholarships, offers from other institutions, wanting to stay closer to home, and finally not being admitted into their first major of choice
- Fall 2026 enrollment goal – 7,900
- Non – freshmen Spring 2026 application opened Sept 1
- Summer fall application open Feb 1

Registration updates

Dr. Aaron Marterer

- Priority Registration Policy – looks at the classification of students.
 - 30 hours sophomore,
 - 60 hours junior,
 - 90 hours senior.
- Classification is at the beginning of each semester and remains until the next semester begins.
- Two groups Priority Group A – NCAA Athletes, SC Honors College, Student Disability Resource Center; Priority Group B – Military Veterans, NCAA athletic managers, Accelerated Study Plans, Marching Band (fall only), NCAA Spirit (fall only)
- Priority schedule for Spring 2026 registration

Spring 2026 Registration Calendar	
Week 1	
11--3	Priority A Registration for Seniors
11--3	Priority B Registration Seniors
11--4	General Registration for Seniors
11--5	Priority A Registration for Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen
Week 2	
11--10	Priority B Registration for Juniors
	General Registration for Juniors
11--11	Priority B Registration for Sophomores
	General Registration for Sophomores
11--12	Priority B Registration for Freshmen
	General Registration for Freshman



- Question – will registration always be the first two weeks of November stemming from the last day of Priority A is the last day for dropping with a W
- With new Provost is learning and doing a lot of things and Claire is trying to lift this concern up
- Can we get the schedule finalized earlier – so we can manage the advising load better – if the advisement center wants to recommend this and working with the Scheduling team, race from the beginning of the semester to get this ready and getting it available to get the schedule put together.
- Does the schedule have to be out to be able to lift advisement holds -I Banner certain things have to be available.
- Equity in registration – due to students with prior credits could make the student be a super senior – great insight if the advisement center wants to discuss ways of setting it within the strength of the system

Honors advising

Dr. Kay Thomas

- Created Honors Courses and Registration Information Hub
 - Centralized website for Honors registration and support
 - Priority registration explained (tickets assigned by earned credit)
 - Guidance when Honors courses are full
 - https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/internal/courses_requirements/courses_regi...
- Honors advising should be concluded by November 3
- Direct Students if questions arise regarding seat availability
- Students can email schadvising@mailbox.sc.edu for additional support
- Questions – non-honors students can ask to take a class if there is a seat is open

Curriculum Ticketing System reminders

Jenn Tilford

- This is used for tracking and documenting
- Located in advising database
- One stop location for reporting error or correction – bulletin, Degreeworks, major maps, course issues, website
- Website - <https://www.sc.edu/advising/system/curriculumticketupd.php>
- Ticket list – you can see the status
- Ticket – form to fill out, will have your information filled in, can select more than one item; can enter more than one bulletin year
- Once it is assigned that team will put in a sub ticket with date of when it will be updated
- Live in 2024 – 496 tickets with 47 unique submitters; CAS has the most tickets submitted with 165 and CIC has 132 tickets
- Sources of issues 475 issues reported with Degreeworks
- Themes have been priority rule the largest difficulty – this is being discussed with the registrar's office where courses can be used in a variety of locations in the program of study. Top Themes – Priority, SCHC, Course Sharing
- Progress –
 - 50% in-residence requirement corrected for all majors/degrees
 - 144 hours minimum for additional degree corrected for all combinations
 - University rule that courses may only count once in the program of study has been applied to all degree audits
 - Project underway to re-evaluate how electives populate in the audit.
- Please use the system so we can track and make it better

Data Science/Data Analytics major spotlight

Dr. Brian Habing

- Statistica is the science of data focused on making interpretable models of phenomena
- Data science combines statistics, mathematics and computer science. It is less focused on interpretable modes and more focused on making predictions
- Nationally data science programs tend to lean either stat/math or more computer science centered
- Data science has a more specified curriculum
- Data analytics is more closely related to business analytics and data visualization you have to have a second major or minor
- Data science is set up to prepare for graduate school in computer science, data science, math, and stats.
- Data analytics will not qualify you for grad school in computer science, math or stat
- But data analytics students can go to graduate school in the area of the minor some may want a second major some want additional math for a PhD (biology and economics) and data science might be better

- This is what the core curriculum looks like in comparison of Statistics, Data Science, and Data Analytics

		Statistics	Data Science	Data Analytics
CCore	ARP	MATH 141 - Calculus I	MATH 141 - Calculus I	MATH 122 – Bus/SS Calc or 141 - Calculus I;
		MATH 142 - Calculus II	MATH 142 - Calculus II	MATH 170 - Finite Math
	VSR	ANY	ISCI 215, ITEC 101, or PHIL 325	ISCI 215, ITEC 101, or PHIL 325
	Other	ANY	ANY	ANY
CAS	Analyt Reas.	MATH 241 – Calculus III; CSCE 145 - Java or 106 - Python	MATH 241 – Calculus III; CSCE 106 - Python	MATH 328 – Math for DA CSCE 106 - Python
	FinArt/Hum	ENGL 363, 462, or 463 - Bus. or Tech. Writing	ENGL 363, 462, or 463 – Bus. or Tech. Writing	ENGL 363, 462, or 463 – Bus. or Tech. Writing
	Lang/Hist/SSci	ANY	ANY	ANY

- Math 328 is a mish mash of the courses where they can pick up a math book and understand what they are seeing
- This is a comparison of the Program requirements and the major requirement of the 3 areas – Stats, Data Science, Data Analytics

Prog. Reqs.	MATH 344 or 544 - Linear Alg.	MATH 344 or 544 – Linear Alg. MATH 344L - Linear Alg. Lab MATH 374 or 574 - Discrete	<i>(See MATH 328 in College Slot)</i>
	Optional Minor or 2 nd Major	Optional Minor or 2 nd Major	Required Minor or 2 nd Major (see exclusions)
		STAT 509 or 515 - Statistical Methods I	STAT 201, 205, 206, 509 or 515 – Statistical Methods I
Major Reqs.	STAT 509 or 515 - Statistical Methods I		
	STAT 516 - Statistical Methods II	STAT 516 - Statistical Methods II	STAT 301 or 516 - Statistical Methods II
	STAT 540 - R & SAS or 542 - Computing w/ R	STAT 542 - Computing w/ R	STAT 542 - Computing w/ R

- Do not require a cognate
- Students coming in take MATH 141 and STAT 515 as early as possible
- This work for MATH, CSCE will want stat 509 which requires MATH 142

- STAT, MATH CSCE and ENGL course for Data science BS
- List of minor and second major choices – actuarial math and stat minor, computer engineering, BSE, Computer Information Systems, BS, Computer Science, BSCS, Data Science, BS, or Data Science, minor, Mathematical Biology minor, Mathematical BS or Mathematical minor, Statistics BS or Statistics minor
- Program requirement can double count with a minor or 2nd minor
- They should essentially say 0-3 hours must be taken here if not used elsewhere
- Course sections –
 - STAT 301, 515, 516, 530, 587 offered every semester
 - Fall STAT 515 and Spring STAT 516. May be open to Data Science
 - MATH 328 offered fall semesters
 - STAT 531/CSCE 588 offered spring semesters
 - STAT 542 offered spring semesters
- Data Science Minor has been completely revamped
- Data analytics certificate is not useful if student really wants to work with data but recommend the minor instead
- How are students recruited – this year we had 9-11 students admitted; hoping to add facebook ads. Coming from a tech school is going to be hard for the data science major but data analytics major can work for tech schools.
- Admissions stated that if the student has the gpa and we take queues from the college. Partnership with midlands will be great.

Announcements

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- None

Adjourn