

Faculty Academy 2013

Schedule and Proceedings

Room: T300
1430-1450

Informational Session (20 min)

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Advising with DegreeWorks: Tips and Best Practices

New River implemented DegreeWorks (a web based tool to help students and advisors monitor student's progress toward degree completion) in August 2012, but a recent survey revealed that 59% of our faculty have not yet used it to advise students. However, 87% of the survey respondents felt that more training on DegreeWorks should be offered. This clearly indicates a strong interest in learning more about DegreeWorks and this session will serve to summarize key features of the tool as they relate to the day-to-day demands of advising students. First-hand experiences of key faculty members will be provided and supplemented with the technical expertise of Dara Fann.

Session Chair: Chris Linsin

Room: T300
1500-1520

Informational Session (20 min)

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Assessing Student Learning Skills

In my Life Management Skills Course one of the skills that we address is learning skills. Most of our students have never been taught how to learn so even students who put forth great effort to learn, may find the task challenging. By administering the Learning and Study Skills Inventory (LASSI) early in the semester we can identify those skills that should be addressed and provide appropriate remediation. In this session I will review the LASSI instrument, discuss how I use it and interpret results with students and present the results of a basic pre- and post-test assessment to get an idea of course effectiveness in this particular life skill.

Session Chair: Rachel Kelly