

Utilize a report that will indicate all classes remaining for seniors for the upcoming semester, and build their course offerings and number of course sessions based on these numbers.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

I'm a fairly new employee (5 months) and I'm not sure if this process is already in place or the reasons why it would not work, but I would like to share this idea in case it has not been shared. I strongly support Fresno State's top priority of helping students succeed and graduate and appreciate several of the graduate initiatives that are already in place. I realized that a common challenge many students, particularly seniors, have shared with me during my first few months here is that they are not able to get into the classes they need to graduate or they need to have a memo submitted for them for a course substitution; this process can take some time and the student's request for a course memo may or may not be approved by the Department.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

My idea is to encourage (not require) those who design the course schedules for each of the departments to utilize a report that will indicate all the classes that are remaining for seniors for the upcoming semester and build their course offerings and number of course sessions off of those numbers, perhaps taking a 10%-15% drop rate into account for those who don't show up or end up being dropped. I believe PeopleSoft might have a report that contains the needed data to accomplish this idea.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

This idea will ensure that there are enough classes offered for seniors and will help them be able to graduate on time, reduce the need for them to request for permission numbers, and reduce the frustration or stress that occurs with not being able to enroll in classes they need to graduate. To ensure seniors get first choice of these courses, send at least 1-2 automatic email reminders of their priority course registration date 1-2 days prior to their registration time. I'm not sure if these email reminders are already in place. This idea will ultimately help support the graduation rate initiatives and improve Fresno State's graduation rate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: