

2003 NACADA Region V Advisor Training and Professional Development Grant Application

Submitted by the Professional Development and Program Committee of The Academic Advising Association of The Ohio State University (ACADAOS)

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The Academic Advising Association of The Ohio State University is seeking a \$500 grant to support the development of the new Academic Advising Resource Center.

The ACADAOS Professional Development Committee started work on this project during the past academic year. The committee's goal is to develop a collection of current resources for academic advisors in a central campus location. The committee sees this as an important resource for on-going professional development for professional advisors, as well as a much-needed central resource for training materials for new advisors. The collection will be made available to all advisors, both faculty and professional, from all colleges on campus.

After considering a number of possible locations, the committee has secured space in the University's Younkin Success Center. The Academic Advising Resource Center will be housed in a resource room that includes similar collections, including the career resource materials owned by the University's Career Connections. In addition to the convenience of this central location, we believe that it will help promote the profession of academic advising to have an academic advising collection included among the other collections that support and are considered important to promoting student success.

Having secured a location, the Committee is beginning the process of acquiring materials for the collection. The \$500 grant would be used solely to purchase materials. The Committee is in the process of developing a list of resources to be acquired, many of which will be NACADA publications. All ACADAOS members will be given an opportunity to recommend books and other publications, the Professional Development Committee will identify appropriate resources, and the acquisition lists will be reviewed by the ACADAOS Executive Committee before purchases are made. While the acquisitions list is still under development, priorities include multiple copies of Academic Advising, A Comprehensive Handbook, and at least two sets of the NACADA Journal and monographs. In these cases, at least one copy will remain in the resource room for reference and the remaining copies will be available for circulation. The inclusion of NACADA publications as primary resources will help promote NACADA to all academic advisors who use this resource. Each of the acquisitions made with this grant will bear a nameplate with NACADA being recognized as the source of the publication.

One of the on-going professional development activities sponsored by ACADAOS has been semi-quarterly brown bag lunches to discuss an article, book, or book chapter. The Academic Advising Resource Center will provide a central source of publications for these discussions, and the publications acquired through this grant will include material specifically chosen for these discussions.

We are fortunate in this endeavor that there are no financial obligations other than the initial acquisition and continuous updating of the resources. The University has made the space available without charge. We have begun collecting donated materials from individual ACADAOS members and have received a number of useful publications. ACADAOS has committed \$300 from the current budget for the purchase of publications, and we anticipate continued support to keep the collection current. While we are committed to the establishment of this resource center with or without the NACADA Region V Grant, the one-time \$500 grant would substantially improve the quality of the initial collection.

The professionals who will be responsible for planning, implementing, evaluating, and reporting back to the NACADA Region V Steering Committee are the members of the ACADAOS Professional Development and Program Committee. The primary contact will be Patricia Gardner, co-chair of this committee. A complete list of current committee members is included on the cover page.

Timeline:

September/October 2003:

The dedicated space, which is currently under renovation, should become available. Currently owned publications will be catalogued and placed in the collection. Resource materials will become available for use in the resource room or for circulation as soon as the space is established and the first materials are catalogued and shelved.

November/December 2003:

The Professional Development Committee will compile a list of desired publications in priority order, the list will be reviewed and revised or approved by the Executive Committee, and priority purchases will be made based on available funding

Winter 2004:

A general meeting of ACADAOS and an orientation to the space will be held in a conference room in the Younkin Success Center; and the collection will be formally dedicated.

Spring/Summer 2004:

The ACADAOS Professional Development Committee will prepare a report to NACADA Region V Steering Committee, including a complete list of acquisitions made with funds from the grant.

In summary, the \$500 grant would substantially support and improve the quality of the Academic Advising Resource Center that is currently under development by ACADAOS at Ohio State. This investment would provide written and other resource materials that would be utilized for training of new academic advisors and for on-going professional development for experienced academic advisors. We believe this is a good investment for NACADA and the academic advisors at Ohio State University.

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August 14, 2003

George Steele
NACADA Region V Representative
Ohio Learning Network

Dear NACADA Region V Grant Review Committee:

This letter is in support of the grant proposal submitted by the Professional Development Committee of The Academic Advising Association of The Ohio State University for the development of an Academic Advising Resource Center.

As Associate Director for Advising in Fisher College, one of my main responsibilities is to oversee advisor training and professional development for a staff of fourteen professional advisors. Our College is committed to the advancement of the advising profession by providing ways in which advisors can increase their knowledge base and develop strong advising skills.

An Academic Advising Resources Center would be an excellent opportunity for advisors to keep up-to-date with the advising profession. In addition, having advising resources that are easy to access and easy to use would encourage our advisors to use these materials to prepare workshop proposals for NACADA regional and national conferences, articles for the NACADA Journal, and to conduct research on advising. The on-going brown bag lunch sessions to discuss advising articles and books are valuable professional development activities that will be strengthened by the addition of the Academic Advising Resource Center. I have encouraged advisor participation at the brown bag lunches and will continue to do so.

I applaud the Professional Development Committee of ACADAOS for their efforts to promote and encourage advisor professional development at The Ohio State University.

Sincerely,



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August 15, 2003

NACADA Region V Executive Committee
% George Steele, Chair
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Members of the Selection Committee:

It is with pleasure that I write in support of the grant proposal submitted by The Academic Advising Association of The Ohio State University (ACADAOS). ACADAOS has a positive impact on the Ohio State campus. Members provide input to the University Community on issues pertaining to faculty and professional advising; issues that directly affect students and the profession.

With the commitment to professional development, ACADAOS continues to find new ways to deliver quality programming. Each quarter the organization leads discussions on current issues and topics that are appropriate not only for the campus, but also for the advising profession as a whole.

With the enclosed proposal for a resource center, ACADAOS will have materials readily available to faculty and professional advisors, as well as to graduate assistants, as a means to keep people apprised of issues and latest trends in the field of advising. By receiving a grant to support this resource center, the quality and quantity of publications and materials available to these professionals across campus will be significantly enhanced. These resources also will provide additional topics for the continued support of the quarterly discussions.

Please consider carefully this request for this Region V Advisor Training and Professional Development Grant. It will provide a service to many on the campus who continue to grow in the profession of academic advising.

Sincerely,

Stuart H. Zweben
Chair and Professor, Computer and Information Science



The Academic Advising
Association of The Ohio State University
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National Academic Advising Association

August 15, 2003

Dear members of the NACADA Region V Grant Committee:

As President of the Academic Advising Association of The Ohio State University (ACADAOS), but first and foremost as an advising and academic affairs professional, I truly appreciate the allied support of The National Academic Advising Association. In particular, I am impressed with the engagement principles that NACADA emphasizes and embraces. ACADAOS fully agrees with the mission of encouraging professional development, promoting professional ethics and standards of academic advising, and advancing research related to the profession of academic advising. To this end, NACADA affiliation has and continues to be critical to our individual and collective success.

I thank you for considering an investment in our new ACADAOS Academic Advising Resource Center as outlined in our grant proposal. Logistically, our Professional Development Committee is in the acquisition phase, and NACADA's sponsorship would provide an immediate, tangible benefit to the advisors of Ohio State. As added incentive, grant monies would be used to initiate a collection of essential NACADA-produced publications. Hence, the support from NACADA would be *value-added* and a returning investment!

I and our membership thank you for your leadership and wish you well in your review efforts. Do not hesitate to contact me and have a nice day!

Sincerely,

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