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New Advising Tool: Student Planning

With generous support from a local donor, the college’s advising team is excited to launch new student-planning software that will enable students and advisors to more easily collaborate in course planning to facilitate both registration and degree completion. The program, called Student Planning, promises to help students chart and monitor their academic paths via electronic four-year plans, taking into account course sequencing and frequency. Advisors will also have quick access their students’ plans to provide feedback and to guide advising. In addition, we hope to leverage information collected from student plans to better identify course needs (demand), to predict future enrollments, and, ultimately, to enhance Calvin’s curricular planning processes. We are counting on all advisors (you!) to utilize these new tools and encourage your students to chart out their academic plans. Please watch your email over the next few weeks for further updates from the registrar and advising teams with how-to information and training opportunities.

Todd Dornbos, director of retention

From the Faculty Activity Reports


Be sure to fill out your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the FAQ page.

Coming Up on Campus (Check the campus calendar for a full list of events)

Monday, October 1
- Chapel. Laura Smit, “I AM: From above (John 8:23).” 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- The 4:04 gathering. Kevin den Dulk. 4:04 p.m., 3rd floor Hekman Library

Tuesday, October 2
- Chapel. Caroline Cobb. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Wednesday, October 3
- Chapel. Herb Fynnewever: Faith through Chemistry. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Christian Perspectives in Science seminar. Daniel Williams (U. of West Georgia), “The Liberal Origins (and Conservative Trajectory) of the Pro-life Movement: A Political and Theological History of the American Campaign against Abortion.” 3:30 p.m., CFAC Recital Hall

Thursday, October 4
- Chapel. Sounds of gospel worship with Kenneth Henderson. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Friday, October 5
• Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
• Political Science lecture. Kathi Groenendyk (CAS), “The Six Americas and Religious Talk about the Environment.” 1:30 p.m., SB 010