Academic Services Report

Academic Services completed a successful 2010-2011 year with increased attendance and utilization.

In addition to our redesigned tutoring services (including private tutoring and tutoring in the library), SDAS hosted three new programs in 2010-2011: Declaration Day: Majors and Minors Fair – with 500+ student attendees, Academics 101, and Spring Finals Workshop – with 100+ student attendees.

Please note our impressive numbers below. Lastly, congrats to those students saw their own academic improvement and success. *Semester numbers reflect 13 weeks of services/programs; annual numbers reflect 26 weeks.

Tutoring
403 tutoring instances occurred in the spring of 2011. 878 tutoring instances occurred for the academic year of 2010-2011. Spring numbers are traditionally less than fall, however these are higher than year’s prior.

Private Tutoring
New this year, Mines students could schedule private, one-on-one tutoring sessions with our most advanced tutors. This new initiative has proven to be overwhelmingly successful. 76 hours of private tutoring occurred in the fall of 2010 and 128 hours in the spring of 2011.

Tutoring in Library
Over 75% of the aforementioned tutoring instances occurred in the newly established Library Tutoring Center. In full, we can approximate 650 tutoring instances in the library. The remaining 25% occurred in the Van DerWerker Lounge and Mines Park Community Center.

The Library Tutoring Center was a new venture in fall of 2010. Credit goes to Patricia Anderson and Joni Heck for their collaborative effort in co-creating this program.

Academic Excellence Workshops
992 total recorded participants attended our Academic Excellence Workshops (AEW) during the academic year of 2010-2011. Calculus I, Chemistry I, and Physics I were each offered in the fall of 2010. Calculus II, Chemistry II, and Physics I were offered in the spring.

Workshops, by the Numbers:

- Calculus: 330 of the 992
- Chemistry: 287 of the 992
- Physics: 325 of the 992

Our AEW program is currently under review and revision. SDAS aims to expand services by including BELS and Calculus I and II for both semesters (fall & spring). Further, we aim to increase the faculty involvement with our program. Credit to Amy Argyris, Graduate Intern for Academic Services, for her work on this proposal.

Individual Academic Support
The Coordinator for Student Academic Services (Colin Terry) individually assists students throughout the semester – this work is commonly referred to as "academic coaching". These coaching sessions are held in Colin’s office and tend to last 30-45 minutes in length. Exceptions do include fraternity/sorority programs, Residence Hall Programs, EPICS Presentations, and more.

Between the dates of January 1st and May 13th of 2011, Colin coached/presented/met with students 330 times. For the academic year of 2010-2011, Colin coached/presented/met with students approximately 600 times.

More information on Academic Services at Mines
Available here: http://academicservices.mines.edu