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DISCUSSION ITEM A: Academic Advising – A Panel Discussion

Background

High-quality academic advising is a key to students' postsecondary success, especially for students who are the first in their families to attend college, are undecided in their academic pathway, or encounter academic difficulties. As advising moves further from pure assistance with registration, advisors have increased opportunities to help students develop their strengths and weave curricular and co-curricular activities into a richer overall postsecondary experience. And advisors have a crucial role in student discernment of disciplinary-interest and career development. The assembled panelists, Jennifer Griggs (Butler University), Susan Hawkings-Wilder (Ivy Tech), Rebecca Torstrick (Indiana University), and Dale Whittaker (Purdue University) oversee the development, administration and continuous improvement of the academic advising programs at their respective institutions.