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Academic Advising Committee

Dear Sir,

Following is the Academic Advising Executive Report on **CIW-JR-M/E** students assigned to me :

1. Out of 33 students no one has GPA below 1.5 and only one student is below 2.0 (Ahmed Essalama) has GPA below 2. Couldn't get hold of him, he is a rare guest in Skyline, average attendance is around 50%.
2. Majority of students (more than 50%) have GPA between 2 and 3 (9/11 - M/E, 22/18 - ANU/Skyline). Broadly, they could be subdivided into two even groups: one - trying to improve, the other - indifferent, or getting down. I spoke to most of them (see the **Summary...** below). One common reason they keep on mentioning is difficulty to combine day work with evening studies. Some of them promise to improve grades during current semester. Notably, increase in this category comes from the lower grade category - three students moved in from GPA below 2.0.
3. 12 students have GPA over 3 (4/8 - M/E, 11/12 - ANU/Skyline), of them only 2 - over 3.5 (2/0 - M/E, 3/2 - ANU/Skyline). This is two students less than previously. Such a statistics calls for increasing effort on improving of students' academic capacity and attitudes.
4. *Season-wise*: *Fall 05* showed worst performance, *Spring 05* seemed to be the best, although *Summer 05* was not bad either, general trend being grades moving towards median (both from lowest, and topmost levels).
5. Overall average GPA is about 2.73, which was degraded due to bad Fall 05 performance (Fall average was 2.22). This calls for increasing advisory effort.
6. Other than pure academic advising I had several counseling sessions with students interested in advise on their current progress and future prospects. Some of them are sincerely interested in expanding their studies towards MBA, both in this country, and abroad. I had to borrow heavily from my experience in international and North-American academia. Some of students requests were old-campus specific (see the "**Summary...**" below), hopefully those issues will be resolved with improvements in new campus.
7. Kindly find attached detailed statistical performance reports totalled and on each student personally (previous semesters, last semester, changes in grades), as well as logs of advisory sessions (started in accord with Academic Committee Meeting recommendations).

Thanks and Regards,

Dr. Alex Mosesov

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Attachment: **Brief Summary of Advisory Sessions (12 written responses are available on request)**

What is your GPA? Is it increasing or decreasing? Why?

Most of answers: if increasing - due to harder work, if decreasing - usually, due to bad mid-terms, lack of time, bad time management, difficulty to focus; will try and do better in final and next semesters. Some students express wish for professors to get better control in classes, higher clarity in teaching, and motivation.

What non-academic problems do you currently encounter?

Most of students have no problems, some ask for more parties and time to organize those, some want more sport events, some mention need in better air conditioning systems, some ask for a better and cleaner washrooms. One student (Danish) asked to remove bell rings, they make him feel as a child.

What particular advise you require from your academic adviser?

Most request help in raising their GPA and how to get better learning outcomes and motivation, couple of satisfactory remarks toward me, as their advisor. Couple of requests for better communication between college and students. One student asked for the revival of data banks, another (Alireza) insisted that data banks should be delivered without repositioning letters of correct answers. Some students noticed he can actually learn from my advise.

Any suggestions to improve college environment?

Some are bored, need more entertainment and motivation to come to campus other than for studies, some request more traveling and entertainment opportunities. Suggest improve (expand) library and timings of its work, the canteen, and sports facilities, ask for rename and better location of the campus (away from industrial area), which in their opinion will raise the status of the college, and again - complaints on the condition of washrooms. Some call for a complete "system change", without clear explanation of that "system". Hopefully, these issues will be resolved with move to the new campus

Any additional concerns, comments, questions, clarification

Several concerns about increased studies load: 5 subjects plus internship and dissertation (asked for more time to prepare the latter).

Couple of complaints regarding some professors (not clear language, lack of useful contents in lectures, lack of control, need more energy from them). Most of these cases were reported to the Dean of Academics.