Starfish Academic Alert

Agenda

• Starfish at RIT – Basics

• Academic Alert Process and Interactions

• Expectations for Use

• Logistics, Additional Training and Support
Basics

• Web-based tool to communicate with students
• Identify students struggling in the course
• All undergraduate students have an assigned academic advisor
• Starfish is available all semester, two Academic Progress Report campaigns
• Communications from Starfish
  • Students receive email directly
  • Receive updates on their students
    – Academic, faculty, and support advisors
    – Department and college leadership

Academic Alert Process

Instructor sends alert to student (via “Academic Progress Report” or “Raise Flag”)

Student talks to instructor

Student talks to advisor

Student does not respond

Instructor/Advisor adds comments to flag

Communication continues between instructor, advisor and student
Expectations

Raise flags for any students who are at-risk in your course

- Raise flags via academic progress reports during both campaigns
  - Submit reports even if no concerns
- Raise flags outside of the report if a student’s status has changed or there is a new concern
- When raising flags, always add comments addressed directly to the student
- Keep comments brief, factual, and supportive

Fall 2195 Academic Progress Reports

- Weeks 4-6 Academic Progress Report #1
  - All undergraduate courses, undergraduate students
- Weeks 8-10 Academic Progress Report #2
  - All undergraduate courses, undergraduate students
  - Includes an extra week with Spring Break
Academic Alert: Training, Resources, and Support

Training:
CPD Sessions offered during semester
Tues February 4  2-3pm  @ CIMS 2160
Wed February 12  10-11am  @ CIMS 2160
Tues March 13  1-2pm  @ CIMS 2160
Tues March 16  3-4pm  @ CIMS 2160
Wed March 25  9-10am  @ CIMS 2160

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