**Breakout Session One – 1:00 – 1:50 PM**

**Authenticity to Action: Writing an Advising Philosophy that Works for You and Your Students** – College Eye Room  
Deanne Gute & Dave Marchesani  

In this workshop, participants will practice reflection, planning, and perfecting strategies as they begin to build a purposeful advising philosophy. The workshop will also help participants consider how to make their writing not just an artifact of self expression, but also a basis for student-centered action.

**Going the Distance: Advising for Individual Studies Majors, Continuing Education Courses, and National Student Exchange** – Oak Room  
Monica Berning, Linda Emery & Justin Szabo  

Have you ever advised students seeking a plan of study interwoven with multiple disciplines? How about a student who was curious about online or distance courses? Perhaps you’ve also advised a student wanting to experience life from a new point of view. After attending this session, participants will have a better understanding of Individual Studies department majors, distance/online courses, and National Student Exchange. Participants will also learn tips on how to explain and refer students for these programs.

**Essential Online Advising Resources for the UNI Academic Advisor** – State College Room  
Michele Peck  

Have you ever searched for Advising information and not been able to find it? Then this is the session for you! Come take a tour of your new and classic digital advising resources, including how to access the details you need to guide each assigned academic advisee to graduation. Bring your own computer and “do” as you “learn”. Practical and applicable information, including Advisor Center, Advisement Report, Advisor Reports Workspace, and Advisor Portal. No experience necessary!

**Breakout Session Two – 2:00 – 2:50 PM**

**Finding Value in Student/Advisor Conversation and Communication** – State College Room  
Michelle Swanson  

Have you ever been frustrated when speaking or emailing with an advisee? This session will provide some options and insights for adding value, substance, and much respect to the advisor-advisee communication. Tried-and-true, time-tested, ready-to-use suggestions will be shared for advisors to use in emails to groups, emails to individuals, and face-to-face conversations with advisees. Make the most of your time, energy, and communications with information from this session.

**A Multi-Generational Approach to Academic Advising** – Oak Room  
Jane Bentley-Gadow, Barb Gager, Farah Kashef & Raquel Zuniga  

College of Education Advisors Jane Bentley-Gadow, Barbara Gager, and Raquel Zuniga, with Educational Technologist, Farah Kashef will present on how their multi-generational staff (Baby Boomer, Generation Jones, and Generation X) revitalized their group advising intake model to effectively engage the current student demographic (early and late millennials). Transforming their intake process and adding a technological platform created a unique advising delivery system that has taken their intake process to new heights. They will share the positive results and data accumulated since implementing the new changes. The presentation will include their office efforts to embrace differences, remain open to new ideas and strategies, and utilize the strengths and skill-sets that each advisor brought to the project.

**UNI Teacher Education: Current Practices and Future Opportunities** – College Eye Room  
Chad Christopher & J.D. Cryer  

This session will feature an overview of the current state of P-12th grade education in Iowa, general information related to the Teacher Education Program at UNI, specific practices for the Office of Teacher Education, and resources to help advisors.

**Serving First-Generation Students at UNI Panel Discussion – 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Elm Room**  
Jennifer Beck, Dr. Nicholas Schwab, Nicholas Sullivan, & Dr. Kristin Woods  

Over 1/3 of UNI students are first-generation college students, which means that neither of their parents or guardians have a bachelor’s degree. This panel will be a participatory conversation about serving this group of students, featuring Nick Sullivan, director of Student Support Services, Dr. Kristin Woods, director of Student Success & Retention, Dr. Nicholas Schwab, Professor of Psychology, and Jennifer Beck, Student Teaching Placement Coordinator and Ph.D. Candidate.