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## **What is your vision for UAAC during your time as co-chair?**

My vision for UAAC is to create an inclusive, collaborative and forward-thinking advising community across campus. I see the need for more information sharing, professional development and involvement in promoting academic advising at the University of Utah. Most of all, my vision is to assist advisors with their needs so that they can then assist students for optimal success.

## **How do you meet the qualifications, and how does your experience qualify you to lead the advising community as UAAC co-chair?**

I have almost nine years of experience working in the Academic Advising Center. I have been involved in UAAC for most of that time by assisting with reserving monthly meetings, planning events, maintaining the UAAC website, implementing and supporting two appointment management systems for advisors on campus, facilitating the UAAC listserv, assisting with the migration of materials onto Canvas and serving on both the UAAC Conference Committee as well as the PR and Marketing Committee. I know and have worked with many of the advisors on campus and I know the value of academic advising for promoting student success.

Additionally, my experience within the AAC has afforded me the opportunity to gain extensive knowledge in academic advising. I am over all operations and technology in the office which includes but is not limited to running all MAP processes and Academic Standing processes as well as supporting advisors who meet with students day-to-day. I provide both front-facing and back-end support for academic advising not only within AAC but across campus. This has given me a unique and in-depth view of the positive impact of advising from many perspectives.

## **What are the main challenges you see facing the advising community over the next few years?**

I think the main challenges will be re-defining and understanding the role of UAAC for the advising community on campus and to provide advisors with meaningful experiences and opportunities for growth. As advising has expanded and changed, especially over the last few years, creating a more cohesive and collaborative advising community has been more challenging but is vital in promoting the importance of academic advising. We will need to continually re-assess and make appropriate changes to create a more interconnected environment for advisors. If these challenges are addressed, our community can have a greater impact on students and their success in higher education.