3.7 Academic Advising

Each student in USP is assigned a faculty advisor and a peer mentor who will help guide the student’s academic planning and personal development, especially within the USP. The faculty advisor is teaching or has taught in the USP and can help students understand the USP curriculum, though he or she cannot provide detailed information about the home faculty or department’s curriculum structure. A peer mentor is a senior USP student who has been trained to help first-year students with their academic and curriculum matters. This peer mentor is usually from the same home faculty, and is therefore able to provide advice about the interface between USP and home faculty requirements.

The goals of the Academic Advising system and Peer Mentorship programme are:

- To help students understand the University and USP structure
- To guide students in choosing the USP modules that will challenge them intellectually while offering them a chance to expand their interests
- To help students think through and work towards their career and personal goals
- To help students with any problems that they may experience within the USP
- To put students in touch with others who may be of assistance concerning questions and problems outside the USP

Apart from approaching the Academic Advisors for advice, students can also seek assistance from administrative advisors at the USP office.