Advising Philosophy Statement of Amanda Buck

**Purpose:** I believe the purpose of advising is to help students reach their academic goals. When I advise students, I aspire to discuss all of the opportunities their chosen degree offers. The thing I value most about working with students is the conversations that happen during meetings.

**Methods:** The methods that have most impacted my advising are from my personal experience as a student. I know I am making a difference for students when graduation becomes attainable and the students believe that their time here at Texas A&M was well spent.

**Strengths:** I think my greatest strength as an advisor is my ability to listen attentively and relate on a personable level with a student as I am a recent university graduate. What excites me about working with students is the opportunity to create connections where students feel safe and open when talking with me. What I have learned from students is to always be early. Whether that is an early semester advising appointment or showing up to classes early, make that impression on faculty and staff so that they remember who you are.

**What Matters:** Advising matters because everyone needs help and that is exactly what I am here to do for you. I develop myself professionally by absorbing life and making sure that I love what I do. As a member of the advising community, I think it is important to broaden your mind and be open to the unexpected.