

Minutes of the Stockton Advising Council  
Friday, October 22, 2010

Members present: Mark Sullivan, Lois Spitzer, Bob Ross, Fran Bottone, Carra Hood, Emma Kluesner, Peter Hagen, Paula Dollarhide, Joe'l Ludovich, Stacey Zacharoff, Mark Berg, Donna Albano

1. P. Dollarhide updated on several things, including focus groups with student groups and faculty on advising. This is an effort for the Middle States question on advising.
2. The results have been quite interesting. Students definitely look at advising differently than faculty. Students want a coach or mentor. They want faculty to reach out to them. Precepting day to them is not always convenient
3. Faculty members in focus groups have given good information and ideas, including making precepting days more eventful—such as advising dinners, or career fairs—something to make them more momentous. Many students, they note, wish to come in on other days than precepting so that they don't have to drive in (commuters especially). Members present gave ideas during the meeting—perhaps “Skype” (M. Berg), group advising (D. Albano and L. Spitzer).
4. Other idea that came out of focus groups was an idea concerning a “mentoring” program for faculty. Seasoned faculty could mentor new faculty through the advising process. The new faculty member could “shadow” the seasoned faculty member. P. Dollarhide asked for volunteers to serve on a subgroup to investigate developing this type of mentoring program. J. Ludovich responded affirmatively. Others are asked to consider joining this subgroup.
5. Discussion on “short cuts” or tips for advising. Don't forget that you can email all preceptees: [username-advise@stockton.edu](mailto:username-advise@stockton.edu)
6. Update on common reading idea. Amy Hadley has been thinking about what could be done. Has in mind a “roundtable” type of program with several readings offered (perhaps four). The subgroup needs to meet to flush out the idea.
7. Harvey Kesselman has indicated that he is interested in the advising award idea and is open to hearing from faculty about how to go about the process of rolling out the award this year. Paula would like to meet with members who had agreed to work with the award (M. Levy, M. Berg, D. Albano). Others will be recruited to meet and discuss the parameters of the award and recommendations.