

Minutes of the Stockton Advising Council Meeting  
Friday, September 25, 2015, 2:45 p.m.

Members present: Kerri Sowers, Marcia Fiedler, Hannah Ueno, Chia-Lin Wu, Peter Hagen, Rich Trama, Jung Lee, Kate Juliani, Brittany Jenniss, Emma Kluesner, Maralyn Mason, Vincent Cicirello, Christine Gayda-Chelder, Cindy McCloskey, Priti Haria, Pat Donohue, Betsy Erbaugh, Claire Lopatto, Ellis Benjamin, Yongbok Yi, Mary Padden, Paula Dollarhide

1. **Welcome:** Members introduced themselves and received a warm welcome. Goal of the council is for you to go back to your schools/colleagues to “spread the gospel” of good advising.
2. **Stockton Advising Council Website:** We reviewed the Advising Council website, as well as previous members/activities of the Council. New members urged to go to the Advising Council’s website and review the “Best Practices” document. Easiest way to do that is to type “advising” in the google search bar at the top of the Stockton website, then use the navigation bar on the left to the Council’s webpage.  
<http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=245&pageID=11>
3. **NACADA:** The National Academic Advising Association is the professional organization for both faculty and professional advisors. It is an international organization with national and regional conferences every year. New Jersey is part of Region 2, which includes DE, PA, NJ, VA, and the District of Columbia. It is only \$65 to join this association and the peer-reviewed journal is free with that membership. Peter Hagen and Rich Trama will be presenting at the national conference in Las Vegas in early October. The Region 2 conference will be held in Maryland from March 16-18, 2016. Great way for faculty to “get their feet wet” with presentations at the regional level. We have had several faculty members from Stockton present at our regional conferences. Christine Gayda-Chelder most recently presented at the Region 2 conference in 2015 and had a glowing report of NACADA hospitality and collegiality. Call for proposals for the national and regional conferences will be out soon. The resources page the NACADA website has free resources on a variety of advising topics on their “clearinghouse” pages.  
[www.nacada.ksu.edu](http://www.nacada.ksu.edu)
4. **Provost’s Professional Development Award in Faculty Precepting:** There will be an email blast the week of September 28 outlining the guidelines for submission for the Provost’s Professional Development Award. A sub-group of the advising Council will be asked to review the proposals which will be due December 1. We have had several members of the Council submit and receive awards for research projects or for travel expenses to present at conferences. The pool of money this year for awards will be \$4000 for faculty precepting projects. Consult the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs website for more details and watch for the email blast.  
<http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=92&pageID=48>
5. **Advising Brown Bag Events:** Our first event is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Christy Cunningham from the Career Center will present “Where Stockton Students Land: Graduate Outcomes for the Class of 2014.” Other events include “Getting Ready for Precepting” on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and “Connecting a Liberal Education with Academic Advising” with Susan Davenport, and Richard Trama on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The October 20<sup>th</sup> event will also clear up some misconceptions about how the LIBA degree is developed and approved.
6. **Career Center Updates:** Pat Donohue updated us with information about the Career Fair on October 8<sup>th</sup> and Career Communities. Students are now able to select a career community of

interest from a list of eight career communities. Career professionals shepherd these communities. There are targeted programs for these students who have identified a type of career field they might be interested in. They are not confined to specific majors. Students sign up at [www.stockton.edu/stocktonworks](http://www.stockton.edu/stocktonworks)

7. **Graduation:** Fall graduation deadline is October 1. You can see who has applied for graduation already on your list of advisees and tend to any CAPP problems that could be headed off before we actually start processing the graduation list.
8. **Freshman Seminar visits:** The Center for Academic Advising will visit most of the freshman seminars this fall to help students understand the curriculum, the registration process, and how to use CAPP to monitor progress to graduation. We also made a big effort in the summer orientation program to get students used to accessing and understanding CAPP.
9. **Common Reading:** The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussing the common reading “Reframing Academic Advising for Student Success: From Advisor to Cultural Navigator” by Terrell L. Strayhorn, The Ohio State University. This was adapted for print from the NACADA Annual Conference Keynote presented in Minneapolis, MN on October 9, 2014. Our discussion centered on how students have to navigate a very different culture than what they have experienced previously when they enter college. Although students of various ethnic and racial backgrounds have access to college, access without success does not benefit students. As faculty and staff at Stockton, it is our job to make sure students feel as though they belong and “matter” to the institution. This is not always easy, as there are barriers in the way. What can we do to become cultural navigators at Stockton, where our jargon, policies, and procedures may be difficult for students to understand? We are challenged to break down these barriers and assist students as they navigate the university.

Respectfully submitted,

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