

Minutes of the Stockton Advising Council

March 4, 2011

Members present: Joe'l Ludovich, Cindy McCloskey, Mark Berg, Emma Kluesner, Norma Boakes, Lois Spitzer, Mark Sullivan, Tara Luke, Stacey Zacharoff, Amy Hadley, Joan Perks, Bob Ross, Fran Bottone, Peter Hagen, Paula Dollarhide, MaryBeth Sherrier, Carra Hood

1. Online Scheduling Tool in Blackboard. Linda Feeney presented the final version of the online appointment scheduling tool. March 9 and 10 faculty and staff will be able to attend a training event to be coached through setting up this process in Blackboard.
2. Provost Award. Peter explained that the Faculty Senate is to vote on a slate of faculty who will design the criteria for the award, review the applicants, and make the award. (This slate was approved on March 8, and includes Lois Spitzer and Mark Sullivan from our council). It has the full support of the Provost, and is scheduled to be awarded this spring for use in the fall 2011 semester. Significant dollars should be available for the award, which could take the form of an advising fellow, research projects in advising, or travel to conferences.
3. Preceptor Evaluations. Paula explained that March 22 will be the deadline for change of preceptors, since that is required to do the behind the scenes computer work that allows the online evaluations to work. On March 23, preceptors will be allowed to "record a meeting" with a student. This will allow the student to complete the online evaluation and receive an earlier registration time.
4. Accuplacer, Testing, and Pre-reqs. Test scores are now being accepted to fulfill pre-reqs for BIOL 1200. BIOL 1200 will now require a pre-req of GNM 1126 or MATH 1100 or an Accuplacer score of 55. Tara commented that the NAMS major restriction is gone, but the pre-reqs will ensure that students are set up for success in the biology sequence. Emma explained that she has already begun Accuplacer math testing for new freshmen and transfer science majors. It is difficult to do this on the day of orientation. A discussion ensued about difficult pre-req issues and strange titles of courses appearing on transcripts. MaryBeth Sherrier will take this information to the other assistant deans. Also, Peter reported that honors courses will now be visible online, but students who are not in the honors program will not have access so there are no worries for non-honors students to accidentally enroll in these courses.
5. Advising Conference, May 11 at Stockton. Amy Hadley received a Dean's incentive grant to hold a one-day training event for faculty on the role of advising at Stockton. This event will be held in Sports Center 205, and will feature Marc Lowenstein as a keynote speaker, and four roundtables based on advising as partnerships, transfer students, at-risk students, and generational differences in expectations for college. The hope is to have a least 20 participants and seven facilitators. Mark Berg will assist with an online application process. Joan Perks, Cindy McCloskey, Paula Dollarhide, Fran Bottone, and Amy Hadley are also doing literature reviews to come up with the common readings that will be the basis of the roundtables.
6. Next meeting is Friday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dollarhide