

## Meeting of the Stockton Advising Council, Friday, September 16, 2011

We introduced the new members: Amy Ackerman, Michelle McDonald, Debi Ballard, Jibey Asthappan, Neil Aaronson, Joyce Welliver.

Also in attendance: Fran Bottone, Bob Ross, Mark Sullivan, Peter Hagen, Cindy McCloskey, MaryBeth Sherrier, Stacey Zacharoff, Paula Dollarhide, Carra Hood, and Lois Spitzer, Joan Perks.

Paula welcomed new members and noted that our main purpose is to raise the level of discourse about academic advising on the Stockton campus. Chief among our major accomplishments last year was the one-day advising conference held in May 2011. Another important accomplishment was the expansion of the advising award to an application for a Provost Research and Professional Development Award in Academic Advising. Mark Berg, Psychology, and Keith Williams, Psychology, were the 2011 recipients.

See the academic advising website for more information:

<http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=123&pageID=48>

More announcements will be forthcoming concerning the 2012 awards.

Discussion:

1. New orientation procedures implemented last summer. The registration and advising were done in computer labs. Members who were present commented on how much more smoothly things went.
2. Placement testing. Summer 2011 did more math placement testing for NAMS and CSIS. Faculty commented that there is a marked difference in science achievement since this procedure has been implemented. There is current discussion that may lead to testing of all students for both writing and math skills. Lois Spitzer discussed her class of GEN 1120 for non-native speakers to improve writing and reading comprehension.
3. Paula discussed new process for graduation checkout. CAPP needs to run with all areas “met” for graduation checkout. The process was tested over the summer and worked well. This means:
  - a. CAPP audits and adjustments should be done earlier
  - b. Students will have more responsibility for checking their CAPP and meeting with preceptor. They have been notified by email to do so.
  - c. Preceptors will not have to check grad certs that have all areas “met”
  - d. Preceptors can now see who has already applied
  - e. Academic Advising will be making the 2+ or – differences CAPP audit
  - f. If a preceptor must “weigh in” on a certification, they will be notified by email to look at the CAPP and make adjustments or deny.
  - g. All of these aspects should improve the checkout process
4. First Common Reading “The Role of Academic Advising in Student Retention and Persistence” assigned. Members have been asked to read a short article to discuss for the October meeting.

5. NACADA. The National Academic Advising Association is a great organization to join. Access the web site at: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/> There will be a membership campaign this fall: stay tuned for how you can get a free membership. Regional conference will be in March in Annapolis, an easy drive. NACADA is great for online resources about advising.
6. Goals. Paula asked the group about the types of goals that would like to be set for this year. Please think about what we should accomplish and report back next meeting. Ideas shared on Friday were:
  - a. Hearing from students and their advising experience
  - b. Perhaps having a presentation from Tom Grites on transfer students
  - c. Having another one-day conference on advising for faculty/staff
7. Our next meeting is Friday, October 14, 2:45 p.m. in F 120.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dollarhide