

Minutes of Stockton Advising Council
Friday, September 27, 2013, 2:45 p.m.
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Members present: Dayna DeFiore, Ellis Benjamin, Earl Benjamin, Pam Vaughan, Carol Quinn, Cindy McCloskey, Emma Kluesner, Richard Trama, Peter Hagen, Paula Dollarhide, Arnaldo Cordero-Roman, Betsy McShea, Marcia Fiedler, Susan Cydis, Ron Tinsley, Christine Gayda-Chelder, Joe Lema, Esther Lawrence, Adam Miyashiro, Ron Caplan, Peg Slusser, Ellen Mutari

1. Meeting opened with introductions.
2. Paula explained purpose of the Stockton Advising Council (SAC): to “raise the level of discourse about academic advising” on the Stockton campus. As these positions are rotated through professional staff and schools, more and more people will become familiar with current theories and philosophies of advising, and we can work together for an environment where “advising is teaching.” Council members are to help spread the word about best practices in advising.
3. Graduation checkout has begun a bit earlier this year to accommodate the handing out of diplomas at graduation. Faculty can assist by returning graduation resolution forms as quickly as possible. The double major is in place on Banner; it needs a final blessing from the Board of Trustees.
4. Advising is now housed in General Studies, and we congratulated Peter Hagen on his appointment as Associate Dean of General Studies. Peter will be overseeing the exceptions to policy once handled by Jan Colijn.
5. Peter and Paula distributed a handout that was a first attempt at outlining goals for advising college-wide. The hope is that over the year the advising council will be able to work on designing a better preceptor evaluation to present to the Faculty Senate. There was much discussion about the handout and what it covers, including where learning outcomes would fit into the mix. It was determined that a small group would begin to look at goals. The group will be headed by Rich Trama and will include Ron Tinsley, Christine Gayda-Chelder, Ellen Mutari, and Marcia Fiedler. More members of the group are welcomed to join this sub-group.
6. Brown bags for fall: please come and encourage your colleagues to attend as well. October 1 will be a brown bag dedicated to learning more about the changes in teacher certification. October 22 we will hear from the new deans in General Studies: Rob Gregg and Peter Hagen.
7. The Provost’s Research and Professional Development Award in Academic Advising will be announced later this fall. Faculty can submit proposals for stipends for travel or research or release time to become a fellow in the Center for Academic Advising for 2014. We are pleased to have the 2013 winner, Joseph Lema (HTMS), join us on the SAC. Joe updated us on his research project “Facilitating Self-Direction in Precepting at Stockton.”
8. Update on R.E.A.L.: ReEnrolling Adult Learners. We are on the second and final year of the grant. You can access the R.E.A.L. link on the academic advising website to see who is eligible and also view many comments from students who have benefited from the program.
9. National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). This is the professional organization of advising, not just for professional advisors, but also for faculty. Be on the lookout for opportunities to join NACADA. There are many resources available on the website at www.nacada.ksu.edu

This fall there will be a call for proposals for the NACADA Region 2 conference to be held in Lancaster, PA from March 19-21. Faculty are encouraged to submit a proposal. More to come.

10. A common reading was distributed to be discussed at the October meeting. Please read the attached "Advisors as Interaction Designers" by Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dollarhide