

Minutes of the Stockton Advising Council

Friday, October 20, 2:45 p.m.

Members present: Emma Kluesner, Brittany Jenniss, Paula Dollarhide, Cindy McCloskey, Dayna DeFiore, Marcy Isabella, Caitlin Pittenger, Meg White, Nazia Kazi, Lauren Fonseca, Steve Kalman, Nancy Messina, Anna Pfeiffer-Herbert, Stacey Cullen, Sandy Chen.

1. **Career Center updates:** Dayna DeFiore reported that the Career Fair featured 110 employers and 650 students and alumni attended. A great success. The Virtual Graduate School Fair is happening Tuesday, October 24 from 11-a.m. to 4 p.m. Students register at Stockton.edu/GradFair
2. **Graduation checkout:** We are in the midst of checking out students for graduation via CAPP. The resolution forms are always sent in the email to faculty preceptor and student. Assistant Deans also have access to these forms if needed. About 200 students needed review for December graduation; the rest of the applicants were “all met” on CAPP.
3. **Accuplacer updates:** Emma Kluesner updated us on testing going on with our first year students. Some first-year quantitative sections are being tested to see how they fair as compared to SAT. There is a task force to determine if all new freshmen for fall 2018 will be tested via Accuplacer for reading, writing, and math. Discussion ensued about this process. More to come!
4. **Advising Consultant:** Academic Advising completed their 5-year review this past summer/fall. Next step is a consultant to come in and review the overall advising system at Stockton. Paula included assessment pieces conducted over the past few years, including faculty and student views of precepting. Paula is happy to share the review with anyone who would like to see it. The consultant will be on campus November 30. We will need a group of faculty to meet with the consultant at 2:45 p.m. on the 30th.
5. **Education of Education Curricular Changes:** Stacey Cullen and Meg White explained changes taking place in the teacher certification process. There is now a part-time Clinical Experience of 50 hours. Before Part-Time Clinical Practice I (80 hours), the PRAXIS II test must be passed. The Part-Time Clinical Practice 2 semester is 100 hours. The final student teaching semester is Full-Time Clinical Practice semester (a full-15 week experience). Also a new element for certification in New Jersey an assessment test called the EdTPA.
6. **Tips for Advising:** Paula shared how Blackboard could be used to sign up students for precepting, to present how students should prepare for advising, graduate school and career helps, and to share your own background. Members of the Council shared their own advising tips.
7. **Degree Works:** Brittany Jenniss gave a thorough review of Degree Works. She also demonstrated how to use the “plans” feature to set up plans for future courses. Tutorials of this and other features will soon be live on the academic advising website.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dollarhide