

Minutes of the Stockton Advising Council

Friday, March 1, 2013

2:45 p.m., Room F 121

Members present: Dayna DeFiore, Amanda Freker, Cindy McCloskey, Paula Dollarhide, Peter Hagen, Emma Kluesner, Rich Trama, Jessie Jarvis, Neil Aaronson, Esther Lawrence, Stacey Zacharoff, Ron Caplan, Pat Donahue, Mary Beth Sherrier, Amy Ackerman

1. Paula Dollarhide began with extending an appreciative thank-you to members of the Council who will be rotating off at the end of the year. We thank those who have offered much insight and support for the past two years. Paula will be working with the junior members of the Council to select the incoming member.
A big thank you to: Michelle McDonald, Debi Ballard, Amy Ackerman, Neil Aaronson, and MaryBeth Sherrier.
2. Precepting: coming soon. This is the semester for preceptor evaluations and a bump in registration time. Blackboard should be ready soon for preceptor appointments. A freeze on preceptor changes will be March 20. Absolutely no preceptor changes can be made after that date until registration is over sometime in April. Please make note of that date. Preceptor evaluation results are available from the Assistant Deans in the summer if you want to review.
3. Peter Hagen: update on double major. Academic advising is deep into testing of the double major and it should be completed by Spring Break. General Studies will house the double major and students who graduate with the double major will participate in the ceremony as General Studies graduates. Preceptors in various programs and Academic Advising will play a major role in helping students determine whether a double major is a good choice both academically and financially.
4. Peter showed the worksheets that are being developed for LIBA/Teacher Education tracks. There are several developed in PSYC, MATH, social studies and language arts designed to get student through a four-year plan for a major and teacher certification. Discussion ensued as to the benefits and detriments of such a program. It is good to have students graduating in a more timely fashion, but transfer students are not likely to be able to fulfill these requirements in four years. Availability of classes and lack of at-some-distance options were also discussed.
5. Graduation is in progress. Academic Advising and Student Records are processing records via the BANNER batch compliance process. Things seem to be going well, but advising is seeing more records needing attention this semester.
6. WEBINAR. Everyone is cordially invited to attend a NACADA-sponsored webinar on best practices in working with transfer students. Tom Grites is moderating the panel with participants from all over the country. The webinar will take place in the academic advising conference room, MARCH 28, at 2 p.m. Please let Paula know if you wish to attend.
7. The final portion of our meeting was devoted to presentations by Jeanne Lewis, Financial Aid, and Deb Figart, Professor and Director, Stockton Center for Economic and Financial Literacy. The presenters spoke to the financial issues our students are facing, the types of aid that are decreasing, the amount of debt that students are taking on. These serious issues are impacting

students not only while they are at Stockton, but their future careers and personal decisions in regard to marriage, family, and buying homes and cars. A lively, informative discussion ensued. Copies of the handouts are attached via email.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dollarhide