

Minutes of the Stockton Advising Council

Friday, February 4, 2011

system developed by the Computer Services department. It is integrated into Blackboard. It is due to be "live" shortly. It will automatically download the preceptee list for preceptors. The preceptors will set up their own parameters for meeting times. The consensus of the group is that this will be a great help in managing appointments.

2. Preceptor Award. New changes to the type and scope of the award have been approved by the Faculty Senate. This year will be a trial year for a type of R&PD award still to be determined. Types of awards could be release time by a faculty member to serve as an "advising fellow" in the Center for Academic Advising, release time for a research project in advising, or funding to attend an advising conference. This type of award is certainly unprecedented in the country. It opens to the door to many great opportunities to "raise the discourse about advising." Bob Helsabeck, President of the Faculty Senate, will oversee soliciting volunteers to judge the selection of winners of such an award.
3. Orientation. MaryBeth Sherrier, Assistant Dean of SOBL, commented on this year's orientation and drop/add process. In SOBL, she experienced more issues/problems with new transfers and the drop/add process. She and the other assistant deans are working together to try to assess the main stumbling blocks to a smoother orientation and try to facilitate change. Some of the issues include whether or not to continue unlimited waitlisting for each student. It is possible that some students hold on to classes late in the drop/add week, or do not take themselves off waitlists once they are satisfied with their schedules. Paula would like to see advising information added as part of the orientation day, so that new students are more aware of the advising relationship and purpose at Stockton. Graduate studies has written letters to their new students, telli
apply will choose from selected readings, and will discuss the readings in a roundtable format. Her goal is to develop an outline for a Stockton advising document that will lead us in the future of the college. Amy and Fran Bottone have been looking at various articles to include should it be funded. The target date would be for a day between May graduation and the beginning of summer school. Keep your fingers crossed! This would be a wonderful event for Stockton.
5. BAIS degree—Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Peter reported on the progress of this degree. It was discussed at the last Faculty Assembly meeting and it has gone back to committee for more discussion. Some positive aspects of the degree include helping returning

students who have a "collection" of courses make some sense of it and finish the BA. Often this includes non-trad