

MILLERSVILLE MENTORING ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
SMC, Room 43

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Stacy Caldwell, Ally Geesey, Kenneth Kwiat, Edward Shane, Eugene Shawaryn, Michelle White, Miriam Witmer

1. Welcome - Chairperson, Michelle White
 - Notes from last meeting, 11-18-08, were approved with no changes
2. Announcements
 - Allison Geesey provided MMAP mentor and mentee participation updates. Following are some highlights from her report:
 - Total Mentors: 230
 - Prospective: 28
 - Available/Not Matched: 80
 - Not Available/Not Matched: 31
 - Total Mentees: 147
 - Prospective: 40
 - Not Available/Not Matched: 6
 - Not Matched: 3
 - Total Active Matches: 102
 - Total New Matches since Nov. 19th (last Advisory Council meeting): 28
 - Allison also provided a summary of recent events sponsored by the MMAP, including the following:
 - December 3 - Group M & M Time: 20 attendees
 - January 19 - MLK Day: opened up to all mentors and mentees
 - January 21 - S-STEM Training: 17 mentors and mentees trained
 - January 22 – Color of Teaching Training: 19 attendees
 - January 31 - Mentoring Day at MU Basketball games: 38 people attended
 - Upcoming Spring Semester Activities – Stacy Caldwell
 - February 13 – ½ day Mentoring Workshop for the Technology Education Department

- February 25 – Group M&M meeting – Circle Change Dancing with Chip Kirchner plus dinner
- March 4 – 6 – International Mentoring Association Annual Conference, presentations by MMAP and Color of Teaching
- March 16 – Carnival of Majors fair
- March 25 – Group M&M meeting at House of Pizza
- April 5 – Ropes Course
- April 15 – Annual Mentor-Mentee Appreciation Reception

3. The Student Forum/Focus Group began at 3:30 p.m. Notes from this interactive discussion with students are attached.

**Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program
Student Forum Panel Discussion
February 12, 2009**

Advisory Council Members Present: Stacy Caldwell, Ally Geesey, Kenneth Kwiat, Eugene Shawaryn, Dr. Michelle White, Miriam Witmer

Mentors Present: Audrey Lilley

Students Present: Katherine Cruz, Terri Frisbie, Elice Johnson, Leah Kirstein, Jesenia Santiago

Forum Discussion and Responses

How did you hear about MMAP?

- Color of Teaching!!
- Lancaster Partnership Program (PFMI)
- Posters on campus
- SMC info desk
- Information session

Benefits of Mentoring

- Helps to manage an overwhelming schedule
- Encouragement to “stick it out”
- Mentoring partner can be considered “nurturer of possibilities”

Value of a Mentoring Program

- Helps High School students make transition to college
- “Mentor helps encourage me”- Terri Frisbie
- Professional mentoring opportunities
- Academic support
- Connections to new people, possibilities, and experiences
- Commitment
- Motivation

Roadblocks of a Mentoring Program

- Some people don't see or understand the need
- Think it is a waste of time- especially if they don't understand
- Some individuals think it is just beneficial for the mentor
- The idea that it just happens naturally

Suggestions

- Facebook/Wetpaint
- Talk to Peer mentors in Resident Halls- refer students to MMAP?
- Involve Department heads
- “Value-added” initiative
- Use familiar terms- “networking”
- Connect mentoring to student's futures
- Personal letter of invitation to student organization advisors
- School council meetings?
- Contact Athletics

- Reach out to Community service organizations and professional associations (round tables discussions with them?)
- Civic Engagement/ Entrepreneurship Centers
- Focus more on building character for students
- Mentoring Monday? (once a month)