



Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program (MMAP) Advisory Council Meeting

November 16th, 2004
3:00 – 4:30 PM
Lyle Hall Room 5

Minutes

Members Present

Ms. Karen Bain, MMAP Graduate Assistant Coordinator
Dr. John Bello-Ogunu, Assistant Provost, Office of Academic Services
Ms. Stacy Denlinger, Administrative Assistant, Office of Academic Services
Ms. Kristie Overly, Associate Director of Alumni Services
Mr. Herb Watson, Community Mentor (Co-Chair)

Members Absent

Ms. Kristin Albright, Student Senate President (Co-Chair)
Dr. Kelsey Backels, Director of Counseling Center
Dr. Kevin Bailey, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs
Rev. Louis Butcher, Jr., CEO, Brightside Opportunities Center
Ms. Aida Ceara, Director of AIM for Success
Ms. Diane Fleishman, Director of Community and Academic Partnerships
Mr. Luis Garcia, Assistant Director of Admissions
Dr. Steven Miller, Director of Honors Program
Dr. Gordon Nesbitt, Director of Intramurals and Recreation
Mr. Minor Redmond, Director of Lancaster Partnership Program
Ms. Christina Wood, Peer Mentor

Welcome

Herb Watson began the meeting and welcomed members.

Approval of Minutes from 6/23/04 Meeting

Minutes from 9/22/04 meeting were reviewed and changes were proposed. Due to the large number of absences, it was decided that the minutes will not be approved until the next meeting.

Update on MMAP Program

Karen Bain provided the council with MMAP updates:

MMAP is now registered online with the National Mentor Database: www.mentoring.org Nationwide, individuals seeking mentoring opportunities can search the database for a local mentoring programs.

In the beginning of December there will be an article in the Snapper (campus newspaper) in an effort to increase awareness of MMAP and recruit more participants.



The MMAP newsletter will be distributed before the end of the semester.

MMAP presentations will be given in classrooms next week to encourage new student participation. More teachers will be contacted directly in attempt to give more presentations.

The mentor network meeting last week was a great success. It was facilitated by Kelsey Backels in the counseling department and 8 mentors attended. This was a large increase from 2 attendees at October's meeting. This increase in participation was most likely related to the content covered. This will be taken into consideration in the planning of future meetings.

Some events next semester will be scheduled in a dormitory in an effort to increase mentee participation.

Partnership Freshman Mentoring Initiative: There have been two group meetings and overall the program seems to be going well. Many mentors and mentees feel they have a good match, although there have been some accountability issues.

Additional Discussion

The phone-a-thon will be held on December 6th at 6pm. Mentors will be divided among willing advisory council members for them to call during the phone-a-thon or on their own.

It was suggested that one way to improve teacher willingness to host MMAP presentations in their classrooms is by requesting individual appointments in their offices or group presentations at department meetings to discuss the program. Another approach would be to target faculty who are already mentors in MMAP.

The campus radio station could potentially be used to recruit participants and increase MU awareness of MMAP.

One way to improve PFMI student attendance might be to show students that MU has an investment in their future. Giving them a certificate that said "future graduate of MU" or purchasing caps and gowns in advance may be one way to do this. It may also be beneficial to invite LPP seniors to the freshman reception at the end of the year.

Low attendance of the meeting was also addressed. Herb Watson offered to personally call members who did not attend the advisory council meeting.

Next Meeting

Herb Watson wished everyone happy holidays, adjourned the meeting and informed members that the next meeting is planned for Thursday January 27th, from 2:30-4:00pm in Room 5 of Lyle Hall.