



Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program (MMAP) **Advisory Council Meeting**

June 23rd, 2004
2:30 – 4:00 PM
Student Memorial Center, Room 43

Minutes

Members Present

Dr. Kelsey Backels, Director of Counseling Center
Dr. John Bello-Ogunu, Assistant Provost, Office of Academic Services
Ms. Stacy Denlinger, Administrative Assistant, Office of Academic Services
Mr. Luis Garcia, Assistant Director of Admissions
Ms. Sarah Martin, MMAP Coordinator
Dr. Steven Miller, Director of Honors Program
Mr. Herb Watson, Community Mentor
Ms. Kristie Overly, Associate Director of Alumni Services
Mr. David Wimer, Community Mentor

Members Absent

Ms. Aida Ceara, Director of AIM for Success
Dr. Gordon Nesbitt, Director of Intramurals and Recreation
Rev. Louis Butcher, Jr., CEO, Brightside Opportunities Center
Dr. Kevin Bailey, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs
Ms. Kristin Albright, Student Senate President
Ms. Christina Wood, Peer Mentor
Ms. Diane Fleishman, Director of Community and Academic Partnerships

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. John Bello-Ogunu welcomed members and informed them that he would be deputizing for Kristin Albright, chairperson, who was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes from 12/4/03 Meeting

Dr. Bello-Ogunu reviewed minutes from 12/4/03 meeting. Kristie Overly noted that her title should read "Associate Director of Alumni Services." Dr. Steven Miller noted that his title should read "Director of Honors College." Change will be made; council agreed to approve minutes with the changes.

Election of Co-Chair

Members of the advisory council were informed by Dr. Bello-Ogunu that, due to the important function of the advisory council, it would be necessary to elect a co-chairperson. Nominations had been previously solicited via email, and three people were nominated. These individuals were Ms. Christina Wood, Mr. Herb Watson and Mr. David Wimer.



Dr. Bello-Ogunu welcomed David Wimer, and Mr. Wimer then introduced himself to the group as the President of High Food Services, Ltd., and as a new community mentor.

It was decided that a 2/3 quorum was necessary in order for a vote to be held. 9 out of 16 members were present and there were two absentee votes, so the election was held.

Mr. Herb Watson received the majority of the votes, and has therefore been elected as the co-chairperson for the MMAP program. The term of the chairperson will be 2 academic years, with a new co-chair being elected at the end of the second academic year.

Update on MMAP Program

Online Orientation

Sarah Martin informed council members that the MMAP office is working on developing online orientations, which will provide mentors with another option for completing the required orientation, as well as provide an easy-access resource for them if they would like to reference program policy information.

Newsletter

The second edition of the MMAP newsletter has now been published and distributed to program participants and members of the campus community, and will soon be available on the MMAP website.

New Student Orientations

The MMAP office has a table at the New Student Orientations. This display includes a display board with program information, brochures, pencils and mini-flyers with the program website listed on them. Many parents have stopped by the table to pick up information and ask questions about how the program functions.

Upcoming Events

Sarah Martin discussed the upcoming event for the summer, which will be the MMAP summer social, to be held July 19th from 6-8pm at the Millersville Borough Park. Advisory council members were encouraged to attend the event.

Discussion

Partnership Freshmen Mentoring Initiative (PFMI) Development

Dr. Bello-Ogunu informed council members about the PFMI, which will serve incoming freshmen who graduated from the LPP. The initiative will involve focused mentoring that draws from the existing components of the MMAP program, in which MMAP will partner with CAP and LPP.

Sarah Martin stated that this program will begin in the 2004-2005 academic year.

Collegiate Outreach Mentoring

Dr. Bello-Ogunu informed council members that this program will focus on providing college mentors (mainly sophomores and juniors) who graduated from the LPP to mentor current high school juniors and seniors who are in LPP, in hopes of preparing them for college entry and easing their transition to college.



Sarah Martin stated that the program will begin in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Kristie Overly asked whether or not alumni will be used for this program. Dr. Bello-Ogunu stated that only peer mentors will be used, in hopes that they will still be enrolled at MU when the LPP student would enroll here. Kristie also stated that this program will help the alumni office keep better track of LPP students who take a year off before enrolling at MU, and may also serve to have them enroll in MU right from high school because they will feel more connected.

Schedule of Events

Members of the advisory council were given a calendar of events for the upcoming academic year. Several members stated that they may have time conflicts with the advisory council meetings, so an email will be sent out to see what dates will work best for the majority of members.

Additional Discussion

David Wimer raised the question of how the program measures outcomes. Dr. Bello-Ogunu and Sarah Martin explained that the program has currently distributed a survey to all mentors and mentees, and that results will soon be disseminated to advisory council members. In addition, the program will begin to track the retention rates of program participants, beginning in the upcoming year. Dr. Bello-Ogunu also stated that MMAP will be sending the Annual Report on MMAP to the Council.

Herb Watson suggested that, as a way to provide concrete data, GPA's of mentees be tracked to see if they improve when students participate in the program. A discussion ensued as to the potential legal and confidentiality issues regarding tracking individual student GPA's. Steve Miller suggested that the office try to get aggregate data from Joe Revelt in Institutional Research. Kristie Overly suggested getting an individual in academic advisement to track whether or not individual students' GPA's increase or decrease.

Kristie Overly informed council members that it may be possible to code current mentors, mentees and past participants in BANNER through the alumni office.

David Wimer suggested forming a subcommittee to look at methods of assessment for MMAP. Dr. Bello-Ogunu agreed with this recommendation, and stated that the primary charge of the subcommittee, which will be called the "MMAP Assessment Subcommittee," will be to help determine the most effective and helpful assessment methods, including, but not limited to, information discussed at this advisory council meeting. In addition, the committee will be charged with developing a draft of strategic goals for the program.

Several individuals volunteered to participate on this subcommittee. Members who were not present may also become involved by contacting mmap@millersville.edu. Current volunteers include: David Wimer, Stacy Denlinger, Kristie Overly, the MMAP GA, and Kelsey Backels. Dan Weinstein, from Planning, Assessment and Analysis, will be contacted to see if he would be willing to serve as a consultant in developing assessment instruments. Academic Advisement will also be contacted to see what their office can offer as far as data are concerned.

Members of the Advisory Council requested an updated contact sheet, which will be distributed through email.



Kristie Overly invited MMAP staff and Advisory Council members to travel with her to various alumni events, in order to share information with them regarding the program and how they can get involved. She will be distributing an email with the alumni office calendar for 2004-2005. Members should contact her if there is an event they would like to attend.

Next Meeting

Herb Watson adjourned the current meeting, and informed members that the next meeting is planned for September 15th, from 2:30-4pm in Lyle Hall Room 5.