

MILLERSVILLE MENTORING ALLIANCE PROGRAM

MEETING NOTES

Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, August 16, 2007
3:30 – 5:00 pm.
Lyle Hall, Room 6, 3rd floor

Members present: Dr. Judson McCune, Dr. Leophus King, Angela Simmons, Gene Shawaryn, Ken Kwiat, Kathy Naegele-Delgado, Will Redmond, Martha MacAdam, Dr. Michelle White, Kristin Weidman, Stacy Caldwell.

1. Welcome Back!
 - Welcome new Advisory Council member, Kathy Naegele-Delgado
2. The notes from last meeting/student forum, 3/26/07 (Handout), were approved with no changes.
3. 2006-2007 Recap
Kristin gave an overview of the following items:
 - PFMI 2006-2007
 - 16 students
 - 8 decided to stay matched (5 formally through MMAP)
 - 13 students this year – need 2 more mentors
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 - Appreciation Reception
 - Approx. 30 in attendance
 - Star mentee – Jasmyne King
 - Star mentor – Eleanor Isaacson

Judson McCune recommended and all agreed that we re-visit how the Advisory Council selects the Star Mentor of the Year. **This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, October 11.**

Current numbers (Approximate)

- Totals: 112 mentors, 102 mentees
 - Matched: 42 mentors, 56 mentees
 - Prospectives: 21 mentors, 19 mentees
 - Unmatched: 49 mentors, 27 mentees
 - New: 12 mentors (7 peer, 2 comm., 2 Alum., 2 fac.staff)
7 mentees

- It was suggested to break down mentors/mentees by field of interest in order to identify which areas are under-represented and then recruit those areas of need

- Orientation Leader Training: Kristin and Stacy used a new format to present information on the Program to Orientation Leader. The response was positive and many students expressed interest in becoming peer mentors.

Samples of the new Orientation materials will be sent to Advisory Council members for review for the next meeting.

- Outreach to admitted students of color: Will Redmond shared how the MMAP partnered with the Admissions Office to encourage newly admitted students of color to become involved in mentoring. A follow-up letter and mentee applications went out to 40+ students the week before they arrived on campus.
- Grant updates: The Provost sent a letter to USC expressing interest in partnering with USC to secure similar grant funding to strengthen mentoring at MU. In response to the letter, representatives at USC agreed to a conference call with Will, Stacy and Ryan Sauder, Director of Grants and Sponsored Research. As a result of this conversation, Danielle Mihram from USC verbally offered to act as a personal consultant for any grant projects that MU secures.

A summary of USC's Andrew F. Mellon Foundation sponsored mentoring program will be sent to advisory Council member for their review and information.

4. Upcoming Events (Handout - Calendar)

- Sign up sheets for upcoming trainings, presentations and activities were passed around. Advisory Council members signed up for events which they planned to attend.
- New training format: Kristin and Stacy have developed a new training format including a revised PowerPoint and guidebook, as well as multiple group training times and dates in September. All participants will receive the same information, but with one section tailored to their needs. All MMAP participants, both new and veteran, are encouraged to attend these trainings.

5. Advisory Council Membership

- MMAP staff will work on contacting the following key areas unrepresented on the Advisory Council to recruit new members:

Counseling Center, Career Services, Alumni Services, Financial Aid, F&M, Athletics

- Student members: Kristin will visit officers of the Student Senate and other student organizations to recruit Advisory Council members as well as mentoring candidates.
- Chairperson Selection: Judson McCune was nominated and agreed to serve another one year term as co-chair with Michelle White. Michelle White suggested that chair rotate 2-terms so that each year there is a veteran and a new co-chair.

6. Goals for 2007-2008 (2 or 3 goals) – **Retabled for next meeting, October 11.**
Gene Shawaryn recommended looking to the state for administrative and financial support and resources. MU’s MMAP program could serve as a model for other PASSHE schools. Will Redmond also suggested that the MMAP apply for PASSHE Social Equity grant funds in the spring.

7. Next meetings

- Thursday, October 11
3:30 – 5:00 pm
Tentative Location: Lyle Hall, Conference Room 6, 3rd floor
- Thursday, December 13
3:30 – 5:00 pm
Tentative Location: Lyle Hall, Conference Room 5, 2nd floor

Future meeting locations will most likely be moved to a meeting room on the 1st floor of the Student Memorial Center.

Note: The April meeting will be changed to one or two weeks before the Annual Appreciation Reception.