

**Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program
Advisory Council Meeting
September 18, 2006**

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Present: Stacy Caldwell; Dianne Fleishman; Luis Garcia; Natosha Harris; Martha MacAdam; Judson McCune; Dianne O'Connor; Will Redmond; Gene Shawaryn; Angela Simmons; Matthew Step; Kristin Weidman; Michelle White; Martha Widmayer

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Judson McCune commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking all to introduce themselves. The following members are new to the Advisory Council:

Martha MacAdam, Director of Development, Mentor for Lancaster Partnership Program students

Dianne O'Connor, Director of Alumni Services

Angela Simmons, Director of Student Programs

Matthew Stepp, Student, Mentor, President of Millersville Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

Kristin Weidman, Graduate Assistant/Coordinator, Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program

Dr. Michelle White, Director, Office of Academic Advisement

Dr. Martha Widmayer, Assistant Professor of English, Mentor for Lancaster Partnership Program students

II. Review of history of the Mentoring Alliance Program

Stacy Caldwell provided brief history of how the program began and in what ways it has grown since its inception during the fall 2002 semester.

Some discussion followed addressing the need for University administration to embrace the program and infuse mentoring into the campus climate at Millersville University. The following suggestions were made to improve MU's visibility and impact on campus:

- Presentation to Deans' Council
- Request to be put on agenda at academic department meetings
- Participate in Fall Orientation in 2007
- Interact with families and new students on move-in day
- Supply information insert to Admissions for View Books
- Supply information to Alumni Services for Back Yard gatherings
- Participate in Grad Fest (October 9, 2006)
- Participate in the Internship Fair (November 2, 2006)

III. Subcommittees

As a follow-up to the June meeting, five subcommittees have been formed to address the following areas for improvement:

- Mission and Vision Statements
- Recruitment and Marketing
- Training and Orientation
- Mentor Selection Criteria and Process
- Assessment

The membership, including contact information, for each of these committees is attached. The goal is for each of these subcommittees to meet at least once, in person or via email correspondence, to put together a proposal or improvement plan for their respective areas. These proposals will be reviewed and discussed at the next full committee meeting on December 4.

IV. Program Updates

Stacy Caldwell and Kristin Weidman reported on the success of recent events during the first several weeks of the semester. The semester started off with a Mentor Orientation and Training session (37 attendees), and Mentee Orientation and Training (38 attendees), and the Fall Semester Kick-Off event (58 attendees).

Also, several new partnerships have been formed or are in the works with the Meteorology Department, the AIM for Success Program students, and the Admissions office.

V. 2006-07 Calendar and Upcoming Events

Council members were provided a handout of the most recently revised program calendar for 2006-07. Of note were the upcoming Advisory Council meetings, community service opportunities, and the Appreciation Luncheon at the end of the Academic year.

Several Council members requested that a Student Forum on mentoring be scheduled during the academic year, as was scheduled last year. The Mentoring Alliance staff will work on scheduling that during the month of November if possible.

VI. Next Full Council Meeting:

- Monday, December 4, 2006
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
- SMC, Room 43