

MILLERSVILLE MENTORING ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2008

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Klein Room, Gordinier

Present: Ansar Ahmed, Stacy Caldwell, Doyin Coker-Kolo, Allison Geesey, Ken Kwiat, Martha MacAdam, Minor Redmond, Edward Shane, Kristin Weidman, Miriam Witmer, Michelle White

MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions - Chairperson, Michelle White
 - Approved notes from last meeting and Student Forum 2/14/08
 - Members agreed that students' comments during the Student Forum on 2/14 were extremely informative and helpful. The new program tag line, "Distinguish Yourself through Mentoring," was a result of last spring's Student Forum meeting.
 - With several new members joining the advisory council, the purpose of this first meeting was to bring everyone up to date on the history and status of the program.
2. Program Overview
 - History – Will Redmond provided a brief overview of how the program began in 2003, ways it has grown, and the direction it is heading in the near future through partnerships with academic departments and student organizations.
 - Services for Students – Ally Geesey, GA, provided a presentation of the services the MMAP currently offers to students by way of recruiting participants, providing application, selection and training tools, matching students with mentors, and following up with activities, resources and communication.
 - Current Participation and Partnerships – Kristin Weidman discussed the current status of program participation and the partnerships with departments that have been and are in the process of being formed.
 - Tracking and Assessment – Stacy Caldwell distributed a summary of the 2007-2008 survey results.
3. Recent Activities
 - Spring Appreciation Reception – Kristin Weidman reported on the annual reception, held April 10, 2008, including attendance and award recipients.
 - Grant Proposal, Staples Foundation for Learning – Miriam Witmer and Stacy Caldwell, with the help of Rene Munoz, co-wrote a grant proposal for \$25,000 entitled, "Fostering a Mentoring Community at Millersville University." The grant project unfortunately was not selected by the Staples Foundation for this quarter.
 - Fall New Student Orientation, Trainings and Events – Ally Geesey provided a summary of the fall semester's training sessions and events along with the attendance numbers.

4. Upcoming Calendar – Stacy Caldwell noted the following upcoming activities and plans for the remainder of the academic year:

- Ropes Course: September 28
- Technology Education Department Lunch: September 30
- Dinner and Fannie Lou Hamer Story: October 2
- Mentor Network Dinner: October 15
- Group M&M meetings: October 29 and December 3
- **Advisory Council Meeting: November 19**
- International Mentoring Association Annual Conference: March 4 – 6, 2009
Miriam Witmer and Stacy Caldwell each submitted a one-hour presentation proposal to the conference committee entitled “Mentoring to Recruit and Retain Students of Color in Education Programs” and “Building Partnerships to Impact Campus Culture.” Selections will be announced in October.
- **5th Annual Mentor/Mentee Appreciation Luncheon: April 15, 2009**

5. Open Agenda – Ideas, Thoughts, and Suggestions

- Council members discussed Faculty/student lunches, such as the Technology Education department lunch discussion group (Sept. 30) and who should pay for these meals. This may be a matter for discussion during a Deans’ Council meeting.
- The MMAP Advisory Council membership might benefit from representation by Student Affairs and students to work more closely with student organizations. MMAP staff will ask Julie Hughes, a mentee, to serve on the Advisory Council, as well as one representative from Student Affairs.
- Allocation of funds and resources for the expansion of mentor programming on campus should be attended to urgently and deliberately by University administration.
- MMAP staff will contact the Schools and request placement on the agenda for School Council meetings in order to report on the status of the program and gauge departments’ interest in partnering with the MMAP, as well as to hear what is already going on in various departments.
- Other sources of financial support might be gained by contacting area businesses and churches.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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1:30 – 3:00 pm

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Wednesday, April 15, 2009

5th Annual Mentor/Mentee Appreciation Luncheon

11:30 – 1:30

Old Main Room, Gordinier Hall