Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee  
Student Affairs Conference Room  
April 12, 2013

Present: Aaron Dimock, Whitney Nelson, Lauren Stehlik, Joseph Oravezc, Larry Carstenson, Rochelle Krueger, Mary Iten

Absent: Victor Chacon, Connor Schulte, Janet Wilke, Michael Christen

The meeting was called to order at 12:00p.m.

It was reported that the Faculty Senate approved the communication recommendations.

Advising Issues:
The committee discussed advising issues and considered a series of issues to make recommendations for improved advising:

1. Every departmental major should develop an advising plan. When students get off-track, it can be impossible to catch up in some majors.
2. Every student should also receive developmental advising. In addition to discussing class options, also discuss career options, etc.
3. Advisors need advisor training – this could be an online tutorial.
4. Students need to be apprised of what advising entails.
5. “What MyBlue Can Do For You” – tutorials for faculty and students regarding the various features of MyBlue should be created.
6. Career Aptitude Tests should be considered – this could be made available online for students to take prior to NSE advising….especially helpful for undecided majors.
7. Reward good advising - what can departments, colleges, and the university do to acknowledge and reward good advising?
8. Have the students complete an advisor evaluation.
9. The faculty advisors could take a survey to better understand the faculty perspective on advising. Suggested questions might be: “How do you see your role as an advisor?”, “Do you want to be an advisor?”, “Do you have enough information to be an effective advisor?”

Ideas for the Fall 2013 Semester:

Transfer students:
1. Faculty have a difficult time advising transfer students.
2. Students need to know their rights.
3. We can invite someone from the Registrar’s Office to help us with the discussion.

Those present thanked Aaron Dimock for a fine job as chair of the committee!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Rochelle Krueger, Secretary