

Council for Teaching and Learning
MINUTES - Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Faculty Senate Conference Room REND 301

1. Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2008
2. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2008
3. Discussion of Topic for CTL agenda, Advising

The Chair noted that he had brought up 3 themes that the Council for Teaching and Learning had been discussing for a mission statement for Advising at the most recent Faculty Senate Advisory Council Meeting.

These themes considered a priority for the Agenda on Advising were:

- Retention of Students
- Training of Faculty in Advising and Awareness of Faculty Advising in the ISU academic culture
- Recognition of the Merit for Faculty Advising

Sol Leung noted that we should make a chronological presentation of these themes such that retention is the GOAL, and training is REQUISITE.

Maria, Sarah, Jim and Sol exchanged thoughts with the committee, from their respective departmental policies towards advising and their advising experiences.

A lengthy discussion followed on what it “IS” we are doing this year. In short, a discussion of two different perspectives on our role in 1) drafting policy or a mission statement? Or 2) collecting data regarding faculty and student perspectives on advising to encompass knowledge, experiences, suggestions, etc. The discussion ended in a general agreement that the second general purpose was the purview of the CTL.

Sarah noted some points from the intern’s paper forwarded to the council that students “don’t feel important” and that “professors don’t notice them”.

Maria noted that we need data from the students to work on this problem, and Mark suggested that we employ the help of ASISU to work on this issue. Maria noted that we should also be able to get help from the Office of Institutional Research.

The Council discussed additional aspects about differing experiences in their College or Department about advising. Mark suggested that the members of CTL come to the next meeting (decided for Jan 13, 2009) with questions we can use in a survey or other data gathering methodology to assist us in meeting our agreed goal towards providing information to the Faculty Senate to help positively influence the culture of advising at ISU.

ACTION: Sarah moved that we amend the bylaws to add a permanent member to the Council from Academic Advising. Motion **tabled** until next meeting.

Adjourned 5:15 PM

Approved by Council for Teaching & Learning: January 13, 2009
Accepted by Faculty Senate: February 2, 2009