

**Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling
Mentorship Committee Meeting – September 19, 2007
Saint Xavier University – Orland Park Campus.**

Committee Members Present:

Allegra Giuliatti-Schmitt, Scott Ham, Scott Ozaroski, Maura Prunty, Gretchen Snape, Chevonne Totten-Garner, Rob Weierman.

The Mentorship Committee meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. with Committee Co-Chairs Rob Weierman and Gretchen Snape welcoming members and thanking them for traveling to Orland Park. Rob gave several of the committee members a tour of the Orland Park facility.

We immediately discussed the District 214 T-shirt Exchange, brainstorming about the possibility of implementing the same or similar idea at another fair. Although it may be too late for the fall, we could think about a college fair that is outside the Chicago area during the spring. The committee, brainstorming, could not think of a fair in which a t-shirt exchange may be successful, as most down-state college fairs take place in the fall. We tabled the discussion at the moment, saying that we would revisit this topic in November.

Gretchen passed around a sign-in sheet which served not only to record who was present but also to record the donated services of the committee (in this case, miles traveled by each meeting attendee).

Rob proceeded to go through the Mentorship Committee report that Scott Ozaroski prepared from the 2006-07. We discussed what we had done as a committee (including getting feedback concerning the First-Timers Luncheon, which had been a positive experience), and discussed future goals we had for the committee.

The Best Practices Archive is in progress. Gretchen Snape will work with the webmaster, Dan, to get the archive on the IACAC web site.

Rob announced to the committee the plans for the annual IACAC Conference and showed the logo that Michelle Brown had “unveiled” at the week’s previous Conference Chairs Meeting, the theme “Going to Bat for Students.” The committee will start brainstorming about First-Timers 2008 at the November meeting.

To promote Mentorship, we will use the bookmark-style brochures and labeled individual packets of M&Ms. As for the past two years, volunteers were assigned to college fairs, as follows. Some of the “volunteers” who were not present still need to be confirmed.

- 10/3/07 Rock Valley College Fair – Allegra Giuliatti-Schmitt and Chevonne Totten-Garner
- 10/10/07 District 211 – Maura Prunty and Ellen from DePaul (?)
- 10/11/07 Triton Community College – Chevonne Totten-Garner
- 10/18/07 Whitney Young – Chevonne Totten-Garner

- 10/18/07 College of Lake County – Scott Ozaroski
- 10/23/07 Joliet Junior College – Rob Weierman
- 10/23/07 SIU-Edwardsville - We are still looking for volunteers.

Mentorship Matches were made, starting with high school matches and then college matches.

- Six high school matches were made, two are “in-progress,” and we have six unmatched mentees and two unmatched mentors. The committee felt it was more important to make solid personality matches than to simply make matches that were available.
- Twelve college matches were made, two are “in-progress,” and zero mentees were unmatched (we have two extra college mentors at this time).

Gretchen Snape is planning on sending out a “call for mentors” to drum up a some more high school mentors on the listserve. Scott O., Gretchen, and Rob all had particular individuals in mind to follow-up with regarding the “in-progress” matches.

The next Mentorship meeting is still under discussion. Wednesday, November 14 (10:00am-12:00pm) or Friday, November 16 (10:00am-12:00pm) were suggested. We are looking for a Mentorship Committee member to volunteer hosting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.