Advising Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 4, 2014  
SB 310  

Present: Thea Brophy, Brian Cawley, Andrew Harris, Dana Hebreard, Meredith Segur, Amy Wilstermann, Julie Yonker  
Absent with excuse: Abby Leistra

1. Minutes from August 19 were approved

2. Debrief from new advisor training  
   a. Discussed the 6 D’s Appreciate Advising handout and considered this article as a potential fall conference session and/or a “lunch & learn” advising topic  
   b. Only three of the potential nine new advisors were able to attend  
   c. Discussed possibility of obtaining a committee budget that could help pay for food associated with advisor training

3. Benchmarking against 40 peer institutions, Questions to ask Academic Advising “Directors”  
   a. Discussed information we would like to know from other institutions in order to assess the distinctives of Calvin advising compared to other institutions  
   b. Worked on the advising survey that Dana had distributed to the small colleges that are part of NACADA  
   c. Established time line for survey distribution, analysis, and interpretation.  
   d. Seeking student assistant from psych to help with survey data management and basic analysis
1) Discussed Appreiciative Advising chapter
   - The six points, Disarm, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver, Don’t Settle, were discussed in relation to practicalities at Calvin
   - Brian will create a 1 page summary of the chapter to distribute to the new advisor training on August 29 as well as before the Academic Advising Days in October

2) Upcoming training for new advisors (August 29)
   - Follow format similar to the 6 D’s
   - Career Development will make a brief presentation as related to the Dream section
   - FYS website of Out-of-Class videos of college resources will be shown to advisors for their information
   - Review of both the computer and paper AER will be completed

3) Dana and Brian reported on meeting with the Deans/Provost concerning the advising reports

4) Calvin’s Educational Framework and Advising’s role in it
   - Determined we needed to do benchmarking of our advising compared to peer institutions to indicate Calvin’s distinctive with advising
   - Next meeting, early September, discuss questions to ask peer institutions