Department Council meeting
2/20/15

Advising changes:

3 advisors right now, search is ongoing, instructors are teaching more.

The advising office is going to try group advising for the lower level students. The first trial will be this spring semester. Students will still be able talk one on one with advisors if needed, they can make appointments.

Will T/TT faculty be willing to attend some of these sessions to give their perspective?

It was stated that faculty should be involved with advising. Know that all faculty will be willing to participate.

There was discussion about having separate session with smaller groups that would meet with the faculty.

Kate – AWC 400 series for UG students. It eventually was cancelled. Maybe the department should consider bringing the program back.

Ankit – thinks the lower level meetings will work and be more efficient.

Amol suggested to have 4 hours a week for the semester, and have 40 students to talk with during those hour long sessions.

Can advising be targeted by discipline? Or by year the student is in, i.e. freshman, sophomore, Jr, or Sr.

Mike H. a “meet the professor” when he had smaller student populations. It helped with meeting students and answering their questions and help with internships and graduate school questions.

There is a point person for each area, put on the UG website and let them know who the point person is, and it’s up to them to contact and make the appointment.

Thriving Work place:

Samir went over the outcome of the survey. How the department scored in certain areas.