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Peer Mentoring Activities



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September 17

Established the Big Sister Peer-Mentoring Program

Established student-to-student mentoring program targeting the female student population. Applications were developed and distributed to all of the Mechanical Design Technology classes. Nine (9) students and three (3) industry professionals/mentors joined. Five (5) big sister-little sister groups were formed.

October 11

Held the first Peer Mentoring Group dinner-meeting

Eight (8) student members, two (2) industry professionals and three (3) MVCC faculty/staff members attended the meeting.

The short and long term scope of the peer mentoring program as well as the scope of the NSF grant were discussed. Information for on-line peer mentoring was distributed, questions and concerns were addressed and the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 17.

The main focus of the follow up meeting would be:

- Feedback on how the groups interact
- Adjustments/changes needed to be incorporated
- Recruitment strategies for attracting new members

December 17

Held the second Peer Mentoring Group dinner-meeting

Five (5) student members, four (4) industry professionals and three (3) MVCC faculty/staff members attended the meeting.

The various ongoing project and mentoring activities were discussed. Based on student feedback about the group interaction, several strategies geared to increase active participation will be implemented in the spring 2003 semester.

Future activities:

- Develop Corporate Mentoring group
- Develop "Ask a Student" group
- MDT Open House