Student Success & Equity Committee

Minutes

March 4, 2015
Senate Chambers/Mahoney Library 726
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Kris Abrahamson, Laura Aspinall, Denise Blabon, Li Collier, Hector Delgado, Greg Drukala, Jeanne Fadelli, KC Greaney, Cheryl Hanson, Lauralyn Larsen, Matthew Long, Freyja Pereira, Norberto Quiroz, Lauren Servais, Vanessa Shannon, Audrey Spall, Don Webb

MINUTES:

Approve minutes: Audrey Spall made a motion to approve the February 4th minutes; Lauralyn Larsen seconded it; the minutes were approved as read.

1. Introduction of new members

Li welcomed Dr. Matthew Long, Dean II, Student Services, for the Petaluma Campus to our committee meeting.

2. State-wide Initiatives updates

EPI: Norberto updated the committee on educational planning tools from different vendors. They intend to award based on Starfish, which was recently acquired by Hobsons. Starfish allows students to draft and access Ed plans beginning at registration and perform a degree audit across multiple platforms with some mobile-friendly features. Students can create appointments online. As it overlaps with many of our existing programs, SRJC faculty and staff members will need to carefully consider advantages and disadvantages to this new system. Expected launch at the end of spring 2016.

CAI: Li reported what the State is doing concerning the Common Assessment. Three research groups are working together on Multiple Measures to create an assessment tool that will be a better predictor of student success.

SSSPAC February Meeting: The Chancellor’s Office is going to have readers look over every SSSP and Student Equity Plan from all California Community Colleges. Kris Shear volunteered to read and provide feedback. New templates will be available soon. The NC SSSP Plan formula will be similar to the SSSP Plan. The workgroup begins meetings on March 11 to develop the plan, due in October.

3. SSSP Implementation Update

Follow-up services were highlighted. Lauralyn reported how several teams, including counselors, student ambassadors, program specialists and other staff, are going to join Anthony in calling students without comprehensive Ed plans.
Denise shared how one high school counselor suggested high school presentations made through Counseling 270 be geared toward career exploration. Counseling is discussing how to adapt this course and other courses with assistance from the high school counselor.

4. **Student Equity Implementation Update**

The PALS program is going well this spring, and will be offered again during the coming summer. Li reported that Student Equity funds were allocated to over twenty departments across the district. We need to ensure funds are used appropriately and activities are being evaluated with data collected. Guidelines are being developed for each department to comply with relevant standards, track data and mitigate the work it takes for other departments (like IT) to aid these new programs.

5. **Research for SSSP and Student Equity**

KC expounded on the role of each research group. The Data group’s immediate agenda includes how to track veterans and foster youth. For the Evaluation group, KC presented a graphic to show how environment factors (core services) are more valuable for research purposes than outcomes like goal completion. The committee asked questions and discussed how and what to measure as related to each research group.

6. **Future Agenda**

Next large group meeting on April 1st. Research sub-groups will meet after spring break before the large group meeting. Nancy Persons and Lisa Beach will present at the next meeting.

Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony England
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