

Counseling and Student Services  
Division Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Transfer Center

- The Admit Reception was a great success. There were 100 hundred students RSVP'd and 107 students were in attendance
- Collaborated with the Compton Center for the Admit Reception and Vanessa Haynes advertised at the Compton Center Campus
- The last TAG workshop was Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Special Resource Center

- Mental Health Essentials Resource Fair and Workshops
- The conference went exceptionally well

SSTARS

- The brochures and newsletters are almost complete and will be sent to Heather Parnock.
- Received 44 applications for the scholarship and 6 were selected.

Puente

- Collaborating with Project Success for the Ethnic Studies course. The course will focus on AA History and Puente History. Students will take the course jointly. Ethnic Studies will be offered in spring 2013 and will be instructed by Dr. Walker.
- End of the Year Banquet on May 31<sup>st</sup> and Elaine Morales is the guest speaker

Project Success

- 50 transfer agreements have been completed and 20 have been accepted.
- Transfer Agreements with Dillard University and Jackson State University are in the works
- Stillman University is a possible agreement and they are offering a full ride scholarship
- June 7<sup>th</sup> is the End of the Year Reception at the Doubletree Torrance Hotel
  - Commissioner Gerald Robinson is the guest speaker
  - So far a total of 56 tickets out of 125 have been purchased. There are 17 students graduating/transferring and 14 alumni attending
  - Opportunity Drawing tickets are available until June 6<sup>th</sup> and the student who fundraises the most tickets wins a laptop
- Recruiting students for the fall academic year and orientation takes place in July

Matriculation

- Two additional Student Enhancement Workshops are available until June 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a posting on the ECC Counseling Webpage.
- The dismissal letter is currently being revised.

- Additional counselors are needed for the matriculation workshops.
  - M.H. will help out on Tuesdays
- Registration groups are scheduled on Mondays.
  - The registration groups are slowly booking because the majority of students would prefer to attend a Matriculation workshop in order to get an educational plan.
- There is a meeting with College Mobo regarding information of creating a counseling division application for students to access on their cell phones.

### First Year Experience (FYE)

- Started the information sessions and there is an average of 30-35 students attending. The dates are listed on the website. Most students complete the interest form online or students are referred by Outreach.
- Working on the End of the Year Banquet
- Recruiting for FYE cohorts
- 76 students are waiting
- English 60rr and English 60ww were approved by curriculum. These classes are high unit courses. It is a pilot program and the courses are not approved by the Chancellor's Office and the courses cannot be used for graduation requirements.

### Financial Aid

- Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> student eligibility to receive a fee waiver income limits needs have changed from \$1 to \$1,104
- Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, students that have never attended college, students that have not received a high school diploma, a GED, or completed the high school equivalency exam are not eligible for financial aid. This does not apply to students that previously attended college but may have dropped out before July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Students that want to transfer to a university and have completed 60 units will not receive financial aid at the university unless they have obtained an A.A. degree
- The Pell Grant has reduced from being available to students from 18 semesters to 12 semesters. For example, 12 units counts for one semester
- Course Repetitions are not covered in financial aid. If a student drops a course with a W, D, or F grade and repeats the course, they will not be eligible to receive financial aid

### Career Center

- Strong's career assessment training was scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm
- The biotech career tour was a great success. 19 students attended and the guest speaker was great.
- Region 7 Career Conference will meet at East Los Angeles College
- JPL tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and 20+ students are signed up
- The scheduled retreat will be focusing on Program Review and the SSTF recommendations will be included

### Athletic Program

- Student athletes need to have a 2.5 g.p.a.
- Dr. Smith requests that A.F. and K.I. meet to insure the orientations for athletics are properly coded for the MIS data reporting
- All athletes must have an educational plan before they compete in a game. Dr. Smith requests for the educational plans to be submitted online

### ASO

- The auxiliary budget has been cut by 40% due to the bookstore loss in revenue.
- Need to encourage students to purchase an ASB sticker.

### Appointment Center

- Appointments are being scheduled during the week
- There is an ESARS online meeting scheduled
- L.P. is working with ITS to edit the phone messages students hear when they call the appointment center throughout the week
- L.P. will receive HTML training from the ITS department before the spring semester ends.

### Dean Update

- SSTF recommendations will be discussed to review how the various areas will be impacted. A SSTF focus group has been established.
- The SSTF was included in this year's Unit Plan and Dr. Smith included her recommendations to create a block scheduling plan that will support students in the various program areas.