

EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Advisory Meeting

Monday, 8/15/2019

12:00--1:30 PM

CDC 151

*Members Present:*

Kaman Ng, EOPS Assistant Director/Counselor
 Dawn Reid, Associate Dean of Categorical Programs
 Joy Fisher, Counseling Chair
 Ivette Bustamante, UCLA Rep. (Information sent)
 Tracye Jones, LAHC CAFYES Coordinator/Counselor
 Blanca Rodriguez, LAHC CARE Coordinator

Angeles Zesati, CalWORKs Coordinator
 Sara Rubio, Transfer Center Director/Counselor
 Ramon Muniz, EOP CSUN Rep
 Maria Chavez, Financial Aid
 Lauren Miller, SPS
 Mercy Yanez, Dean of Student Services

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. Introduction and Welcome
 - a. D. Reid gave welcome and everyone introduced themselves
2. Review of agenda and minutes
 - a. No changes to minutes
3. EOPS/CARE Updates, Report, and Goals
 - a. D. Reid asked T. Jones to share updates from the latest State CO meeting. In relations to our emergency meeting in April, it was shared that the State CO has back down from the recommendations that were proposed earlier this year. No new changes are coming. However, the CO continue to move towards more college control when it comes to funding. Stronger language to serve AB540 students are moving forward to be included in the guidelines. While the CO has back down from their recommendations, we were reminded to continue our awareness of any changes. In relations to AB705 implantation and how that affects EOPS eligibility, L. Miller recommended that we could the SPS Learning Foundation class for English and Math to be included as support classes. The group agreed that it would be a good idea.
 - b. K. Ng shared highlights of the year. Report included academic data, workshop data, special events, and field trip. B. Rodriguez shared CARE report, which included CARE enrollment data, the recent CARE/CalWORKs Conference, CPR training for parents, and connections with off campus community. B. Rodriguez shared how she has appreciated the collaboration of this group as we have developed real direct services to our CARE students.
 - c. Number of students served for 18-19 was 832. This is an increase from 827 the previous year
 - a. EOPS has a goal of serving 850 students for 19-20 year
 - b. CARE has a goal of serving 80 students for the 19-20 year
 - d. CAFYES Updates
 - a. T. Jones shared fall data of CAFYES students. 46 students were served during 18-19. 6 students graduated and all transferred to CSU, US's, and HBCU. The official name of CAFYES has been changed to Next Up. A CAFYES from the first cohort has also graduated from UC Davis this last June.
 - b. Recruitment continue to be the key for CAFYES. The program is working closely with group homes to bring in more students.
 - e. Programs Budget Updates
 - a. T. Mariner shared that our budgets are closed without problem this year. He also mentioned that it is great that we have recently hired a full-time counselor (CAFYES) but that does mean that our EOPS budget is a bit tighter next year. It is important that we continue to grow our enrollment so that our funding can also grow to provide more services.
 - b. Lastly, D. Reid mentioned that she is currently working with the senate to separate the hiring process for categorical programs and program 100 funded positions. CAFYES really need to hire a full-time coordinator/counselor in order to service our CAFYES students.

4. CalWORKs Goals and Updates
 - a. A. Zesati shared CalWORKs updates that included the CalWORKs work-study program and the partnering events that has been done in partnership with the CARE program. CalWORKs served 200 students and will start off the 18-19 year serving the same number of students. The goal is to increase the number of student referrals from the county. The program now has a dedicated person that goes out to the county office to promote the program.
 - b. Budget update: CalWORKs has an increase of funding for the 19-20 year. Like most of our programs, our funding is tie to student enrollment, therefore, the CalWORKs program is working hard on recruitment.
 - c. A. Zesati also shared that CalWORKs Counselor, Diana, has done a fantastic job working with the students. She has a few workshops coming up addressing CalWORKs students on probation.
5. Updates from Campus and Community Partners
 - a. I. Bustamante: Updates from UCLA was provided. Upcoming dates of UCLA open house and updated application/information websites were provided.
 - b. M. Yanez: Information on Title XI was provided. District Office updates with confidential resources were provide. M. Yanez has a flyer she will share via email.
 - c. R. Muniz: Dates are set for the fall to serve LAHC students. He also has plans to work with the Puente Program.
 - d. S. Rubio: Transfer Con is next week. 214 students have signed up. Presentations from faculty members will be presented. Still need one more UC graduate to assist in UC presentation.
 - e. L. Miller: Updates on SPS was provided. SPS will present on Opening Day so that the campus community can have a strong understanding of the program. A new specialist is hired to serve students at the High Tech Center. This person will be able to conduct assessment for students as well.
 - f. J. Fisher: Two new FT counselors are hired. We are still waiting for 2 more to come on board. Counseling will be presenting on Opening Day regarding Guided Pathway and embedded counselor.
 - g. M. Chavez: Campus Logic, a new verification system is now in place. The system is used to verify citizenship. SAP emails has been sent out recently, so counselors will be getting more students who need assistance with the process.
6. Other items

The group brainstormed ideas on how LAHC EOPS can celebrate EOPS 50th Anniversary on campus. Official date is Sept. 4. Ideas included cupcake give away, creating an EOPS Alumni Association and seek out EOPS alum to share their stories, facilitating a workshop with alumni, lawn and pole signs, and LACCD newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.