

EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Advisory Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2017

10:30--12:30 PM

SSA 214



Members Present:

Kaman Ng, EOPS Assistant Director/Counselor
 Dawn Reid, Associate Dean of Categorical Programs
 Mercy Yanez, Dean of Student Services
 Adriana De Los Santos, Alumni
 Luis Dorado, VP of Student Services
 Angeles Zesati, CalWORKs Program Specialist
 Joy Fisher, Counseling Chair
 Ivette Bustamante, UCLA Rep.
 Ana White, DPSS College Liaison (Conference call)

Lucia Salas, DPSS Representative
 Tracye Jones, LAHC CAFYES Coordinator/Counselor
 Blanca Rodriguez, LAHC CARE Coordinator
 Tami Hom, LBCC EOPS/CalWORKs/Guardian Scholars
 Counselor
 Sara Rubio, Transfer Center Director/Counselor
 Ramon Muniz, EOP CSUN Rep
 Peggy Loewy Wellisch, Financial Aid Director

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 p.m.

1. Introduction and Welcome
 - a. L. Dorado gave his welcome and appreciation to the group.
2. Review of agenda and minutes
 - a. No changes needed
3. EOPS/CARE Updates and Report
 - a. Introduction of Blanca Rodriguez, newly hired CARE Coordinator/Counselor
 - b. Number of students served for 16-17.
 - a. EOPS had a goal of 800 and served 816 students
 - b. CARE had a goal of 50 and served 53 students
 - c. Activities from 16-17
 - a. Motivation Booster- EOPS/CAFYES offered a second annual motivation booster mid spring semester to lift up students' mid semester energy. Dee Hankins was a keynote speaker
 - b. Summer Bridge- An EOPS summer math transition was offered to students. Many EOPS student benefited from it and worked as a recruiting tool for EOPS as non-EOPS students enrolled and applied to EOPS.
 - c. Meal tickets continue to be a service to CARE students to break down food barrier for students.
 - d. A comprehensive report will be provided at the next meeting with more details on specific events.
 - e. EOPS/CARE/CAFYES/CalWORKs Yearend Recognition was another successful event. The programs had the event at The Reef in Long Beach. We had over 300 attendees.
 - d. Budget challenges
 - a. D. Reid shared the difficulty the programs had closing out last year's budget. Similar to the previous year, we worked closely with campus and district personnel to close out our budget, but in the end, we were still not able to close out the budget as we would like. We are still in the final process of closing certain accounts.
 - e. EOPS update on DSPS units
 - a. A discussion took place in regards to removing the current 6 unit minimum for new EOPS students in DSPS. K. Ng shared that this rule was approved a few years back by the advisory committee because of the limited resources we had to serve students. Now that EOPS has been restored and we are able to serve more students, we feel that this rule should be removed so that we can serve more students.
 - b. The removal of the DSPS 6 unit minimum for new EOPS students was approved unanimously.

- f. CAFYES Updates
 - a. T. Jones shared with the group about the newly opened CAFYES Corner in the CDC building. The space has already been utilized by many students. There is a pantry in there for CAFYES students and we hope to expand the pantry by partnering up with local organizations.
 - b. Mental health service continues to be a big piece that our foster youth students need. We will partner with John Burton to utilize their book grant for foster youth who are not CAFYES students.
- 4. EOPS/CARE Goals for 17-18
 - a. Maintain EOPS student enrollment at 800 for EOPS and increase CARE students to 60
 - b. Retention of EOPS students
 - c. Balancing the Budget
- 5. CalWORKs Goals and Updates
 - a. CalWORKs served about 200 students. They closed out their budget without any problem. This was due to the fact that LAHC decided not to participate with the county South Bay WIB program who helps pay for 25% of our work student students. However, last year, the county let us know mid semester that they ran out of money, so our program had to scramble to find the 25% match. Luckily LAHC financial aid office was able to meet the match.
 - b. A. White further discussed the financial situation via the county.
 - c. CalWORKs hired 15 students for 20 hours fall 2017 to participate in the CalWORKs work study program. We will continue to not participate with the South Bay WIB.
- 6. Updates from Campus and Community Partners
 - a. I. Bustamante: UCLA is hosting the UC Conference on Sept. 8. UCLA Experience is on Sept. 29. UCLA Open House is Oct. 7 8-3PM. There is a Guardian Scholar Center that's housed with Veterans, Transfer, which gives students a very welcoming/inclusive feel. I. Bustamante then shared her UCLA/LAHC stats.
 - b. T. Hom: LBCC is currently going through reorganizing of staff. LBCC serves 1300 EOPS students. They have a Guardian Scholar program but they hope to apply and receive the CAFYES funds in the future. They had 20 students participate in their summer bridge program.
 - c. R. Muniz: CSUN EOP receives about 24000 applications each fall, 3000 will follow through with the whole process, 1500 will go to the final stage, of those, 110 will be admit as transfer students. 30-40 will complete the EOP Summer Bridge. The goal is to admit 140 students each fall.
 - d. L. Salas: Reminded us to keep a strong communication with DPSS gain worker in regards to book ancillary and book grant. She hopes that this will avoid any over payment on CalWORKs students who also receives the book grant from EOPS.
- 7. Other items

LAHC EOPS/CARE/CAFYES shirts were provided to our advisory board members. No set date for next meeting due to scheduling and other campus meetings/obligations. We will wait until further confirmation of activities and schedule accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30p.m.