

## EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Advisory Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

12:00--1:30 PM

Office of Councilmen Joe Buscaino



### Members Present:

Kaman Ng, EOPS Assistant Director/Counselor  
 Dawn Reid, Associate Dean of Categorical Programs  
 Jacob Haik, Council District 15  
 Tracye Jones, LAHC CAFYES Coordinator/Counselor  
 Natalie De La Torre, UCLA Rep.  
 Peggy Wellisch, Financial Aid

Joy Fisher, Chair of Counseling  
 Tim Mariner, EOPS

### Members Absent:

Amarylles Hall, DSPS Director  
 Mercy Yanez, Dean of Student Services  
 Luis Dorado, VP of Student Services  
 Ramon Muniz, EOP CSUN Rep  
 Angeles Zesati, CalWORKs Program Specialist

Adriana De Los Santos, Alumni  
 Tami Hom, LBCC Counselor  
 Susan McMurray, Academic Senate President

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

1. Introduction and Welcome
  - a. J.Haik welcomed us to his office and gave a brief history of San Pedro and new projects that the city is working on.
2. Review of agenda and minutes
  - a. No changes needed
3. EOPS/CARE Updates and Report
  - a. Number of students served for 16-17.
    - a. EOPS has a goal of 800 and so far, we have already reached 650 students
    - b. D. Reid further explained the funding formula and why it is so important to reach our goal this year. Formula will include the highest number of students served in the last three years.
  - b. Book Award Changes
    - a. D. Reid shared with the group the new implementation of the book award policy.
      - a. Book award used to be a deduction policy based on students' completion of EOPS counseling contacts.
      - b. Starting spring 2017, EOPS will only award the book award to those who fully complied with the EOPS mutual responsibility contract. This better aligns the mission of the EOPS program.
  - c. Revamping of Mutual Responsibility Contract (MRC) and Orientation
    - a. K. Ng explained the purpose and usage of the EOPS MRC. The EOPS MRC and orientation needs to be updated with new information regarding AOC, priority registration, and loss of BOGFW when not making SAP.
    - b. Committee reviewed newly designed MRC. Suggestions were made to include student initials, wording, and minor typos. All agreed on these changes and will move forward with using the new MRC this Spring2017.
  - d. CAFYES Updates
    - a. T. Jones updated the group regarding CAFYES student's enrollment. Currently there are 31 students and goal is to have 80 by next year. The challenge continues to be the age cut off. Students must be in foster care at the age of 16. This limits the population we could serve.
    - b. J. Haik made a suggestion in connecting with our LACCD board members to help us advocate. He also mentioned that he can connect us with Assembly Member Patrick O' Donnel.
    - c. The committee also talked about the challenges of finding housing for students. J. Haik talked about Measure H and to see if we can connect with county funds to help with housing.

- d. Lastly we talked about the food pantry that will be implemented.
4. CalWORKs Updates and Goals
    - a. Angeles Zesati couldn't be here today
    - b. D. Reid talked about CalWORKs' goals
      - a. The main goal for the district is to reduce the number of students on probation, and increase the number of students served.
    - c. Staffing
      - a. CalWORKs hope to hire an office assistant, someone who is there consistently to assist with the program.
    - d. Work-study
      - a. The works-study program for spring is underway. Student workers will participate in the job skills training provided by the CalWORKs counselors next week.
  5. Updates from Campus and Community Partners
    - a. J. Fisher: The Counseling Department is gearing up for LA College Promise. All LAUSD/charter schools senior graduates will receive one year of tuition paid for at any LACCD colleges. High school students must be enrolled in 12 units by the first day of school. No late add. The counseling staff/Harbor Advantage is building a good staff and the counseling department is currently in growing phase.
    - b. N. DeLaTorres: UCLA is currently reviewing fall applications. There were 120,000 high school apps and 21,000 transfer apps. Decision for transfer will be out in mid-April. STOMP Conference is on April 28, but time is TBD.
    - c. P. Wellisch: People Soft is a new system that will affect financial aid. It will pose challenges as there is a back log of packaging of fin. Aid. April 19, Financial Aid will be at the Seahawk Center for financial aid awareness. D. Reid mentioned that EOPS will be working closely with financial aid to process the BOGFW without FAFSA. We are also working closely to take care of our dreamer students.
    - d. D. Reid: On behalf of V.P. of Student Services, Dr. Dorado wanted to share that LAHC is geared up for Welcome Week to welcome new and continuing LAHC students. To ease the parking stress from students, Dr. D. wanted to ask J. Haik if the city can hold off on ticketing the parking lot across the street and the meters. J. Haik says that he will talk to Mike S. who is the over that matter and will get back to us. He agrees that it is a good idea.
    - e. J. Haik shared that the city is doing lots of hiring, but interested party will need to take a test to be included in the hiring process. He mentioned that testing comes seldom, so it's a good opportunity right now to do so. The test is for many different positions. He will email D. Reid the link to the testing.
  6. Other items
    - a. 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.
    - b. J. Haik gave us a tour of the building which included old jail cells and a court house that is no longer in use since the new court house opened in Long Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.