

## EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Advisory Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

12:00-2:00 PM

SSA 214



### Members Present:

Dawn Reid, Associate Dean of Categorical Programs

Joy Fisher, Counseling Chair

Jessica McCarns, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs Student

Blanca Rodriguez, LAHC CARE Coordinator

Adriana De Los Santos, Presenter Trainer

Angeles Zesati, CalWORKs Coordinator/Specialist

Tracye Jones, LAHC CAFYES Coordinator

Tim Mariner, EOPS Data Mgmt. Support Assistant

Sara Rubio, Transfer Center Director/Counselor

Ramon Muniz, EOP CSUN Representative

Peggy Loewy Wellisch, Financial Aid Director

Ivette Bustamante, UCLA Undergraduate Admission

Dr. Luis Dorado, VP 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. Number of students served for Fall 2018 was 650.
    - a. EOPS has a goal of serving 830 students for 18-19 year
    - b. CARE has a goal of serving 70 students for the 18-19 year
    - c. CAFYES has a goal of serving 80 students for the 18-19 year
  - b. EOPS will have an Open House next week, on Thursday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Motivation Booster: Dr. Cynthia Gonzalez, native of Watts. Shared statistics on Low income communities having limited resources. 51 students attended. Stressed importance of getting informed, and involved which leads to change. Stressed importance of empowering youth in communities such as Watts.
  - d. Upcoming Spring 2019 events
    - a. UCI tour. HBCU tour leaving on February 7<sup>th</sup>. CAFYES, in collaboration with UMOJA are taking 8 students. CAFYES is collaborating with the transfer center with the UCLA Stomp Conference being held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. EOPS Open House will be held on Thursday of opening week; this is an opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with our services and ask questions, open campus wide.
    - c. Hunger Free Campus- we've taken the lead, Jessica McCarns is playing a key role in working with the Cafeteria to coordinate efforts
    - d. End of the Year event: tentatively scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Reef with the same quote. Waiting for administration approval. This is an opportunity to celebrate with faculty and staff who go over and above.
    - e. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the EOPS program; conference in Palm Springs in October. This is an opportunity to educate people about the excellent history of the program. Region 6 in charge of planning. Region 7, with El Camino College leading, is creating a video showing progress over the years, i.e. success stories
  - e. CARE Updates: B. Rodriguez shared CARE report.
    - a. The CARE Program had 50 students for fall 2018. Goal is to recruit & enroll a total of 70 students for the year.
    - b. 39 out of 48 students ended fall term with 2.0 GPA or better (81% success).

- c. Mini conference was held in fall. Harbor Interfaith presented information regarding housing and services. A few of our students have benefitted from their services. WIC presented about eating habits. B. Rodriguez presented information regarding Torrance Loves Children (TLC), a program that provides childcare services for children that are ill, at the very low rate of \$4/hour. Students were also recognized for their academic achievements and participation in the program.
  - d. Spring mini conference is being held tomorrow, expecting 50 students. CARE is thankful to the generosity of the harbor community.
  - e. Soroptimist Scholarship information was forwarded to all CARE students. Three student received awards of \$1000+ (Peggy, Financial Aid Director needs to be notified about scholarships received from external sources).
  - f. CARE students received cash grants in January, \$382 each.
  - g. CARE/CalWORKs Toy Drive in December 2018 was a success. Jacob Haik donated many bags of toys from their previous event. Each child and parent received a gift, plus a \$25 Target gift card for each family. Thirty families, about 80 people participated in the event. How will the multi-purpose room in the new building accommodate the Toy Drive event next year? Ramon Muniz- volunteered to donate \$250 to toy drive 2019Dr. Luis Dorado volunteered to match Ramon Muniz' donation of \$250.
- f. CAFYES Updates
- a. CAFYES had 45 students for fall, and the goal is to enroll 60 students (ultimate goal is 80 students to keep funding); growing consistently. 1<sup>st</sup> year of new implementation of new funding formula.
  - b. Chancellor's Office is no longer supporting NextUp marketing even though a large shipment of materials was received
  - c. LACOE Regional Network Meeting (LAHC tentatively hosting meetings)
  - d. Outreach: Expose students with community: UMOJA, PUENTE (collaborating w/ J. Dominguez)
  - e. Student luncheon was very successful last year: celebrating/promoting above 3% of students graduating/transfer
  - f. 7 students are ready to graduate and transfer this year
  - g. iFoster changed requirements for students getting laptops to at least 21 years old, did receive a donation of 5 laptops; Boys and Girls Club getting laptops and Harbor wants in; 5 students may be eligible to receive free Sprint mobile hot spots
  - h. Working on mobile food bank in conjunction with Hunger Free Campus, working with Boys and Girls club because problem with clause in LAHC Foundation Articles of Incorporation;
- g. Budget Updates
- a. Getting same amount of funding as last year + cola. Program is growing.
  - b. Association is concerned about "regionalization" where all specialized programs are merged together. D. Reid explained that every few years there is an effort to combine funding of categorical programs, which looks good on paper but defeats purpose; now they are combining regions together which is removing some people from the table at the state level which diminishes our voice; trying to reeducate new people about the importance of specialized programs; provide full details in reports even though there's less required accountability.
4. CalWORKs Goals and Updates
- a. Cal WORKs had 204 participants in fall, and 5 more students were added recently. Open House will be the first week of school, at 8:00am.
  - b. Cal WORKs is involved with the Job Fair, planned for February 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. There is talk about shifting CalWORKs to Academic Affairs, under CTE, which changes the focus from education to work; CAFYES direction at state level has changed drastically along with CalWORKs; Angeles and Tracye expressed concerns about LA County regions joining with Orange County regions which is very different; Peggy, F.A. mentioned that LAHC changed regions a few years back
  - d. Angeles is concerned with data collected by district and reported to state; meeting with district vice chancellor to express concerns.
  - e. Dean Reid question-is where you get match from changing: Angeles stated that no final direction has been given yet.

- f. Jessica New Activities: Mini-Conference with CARE, outside donations, will have survey for participants; Welcome Week, Dress To Impress workshop (Victory College) will do free haircuts and makeup tutorials, collecting attire and racks from local businesses; thinking of mommy/daddy and me yoga thing once a month; workshops targeting issues facing parents; want to rebuild the Cal-parents club to secure more donations; Peggy-expose ideas to campus community-Jessica, still planning events, will send out announcements once set; trying to get 4 new CalWORKs students per month, outreaches for all of our programs; interested in bridge program for student parents who may have not been in school for a while.
5. Updates from Campus and Community Partners\
- a. I. Bustamante: Updates from UCLA was provided. Ivette Bustamante, the UCLA representative on the advisory committee shared: UCLA admissions decisions will go out to students at the end of April. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual UCLA Stomp: March 15 from 9:00am-3:00pm, with an information session for transfer directors/Counselors from 9:00am-12:30pm
  - b. P. Wellisch: Financial Aid will be open Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00pm. They are working with outreach with FAFSA and appeals.
    - a. Financial Aid is hosting the HS Guidance Counselor conference on Oct. 25.
    - b. They will start processing next year's apps next month.
    - c. Free Citizenship classes
  - c. R. Muniz: Ramon had a question about cash donations - Dean Reid warned against them because foundation takes about 10% off of the top. Ramon suggested setting up non-profit not associated with college-Dean Reid stated that there are challenges with setting up and running the non-profit. Dr. D maybe use Student Activities clubs.
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  - d. S. Rubio: shared the Transfer Center report. The So Cal University Trip, in collaboration with EOPS, will go to UCSD, San Diego State University, University of San Diego from April 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> (during spring break). A \$30 refundable deposit is required to hold a space.
    - a. The Transfer Center's Open House is Wednesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:00pm.
    - b. Grad Guru, text notification, lead person
    - c. UCLA TAP Certification
    - d. Supporting Honors Transfer Program
    - e. Wednesday, February 6: Transfer Open House 9:00am-12:00pm
    - f. ADT- approximately 321 ADT's. AS-T Deadline: February 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - g. May 17: End of the Year event
  - e. J. Fisher: Counseling open Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 along with admissions 9-2
6. Other items
- 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 2:00p.m.