

## **EOPS/CARE Advisory Meeting**

Tuesday, 1/23/2024

11:30—12:30 PM

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### *Members Present:*

Kaman Ng, EOPS Assistant Director/Counselor

Dawn Reid, Dean of Student Services

Blanca Rodriguez, CARE Coordinator

Maritza Robles, NextUp Adjunct Counselor

Tim Mariner, EOPS Data Management Support Assistant

Angeles Zesati, CalWORKs Coordinator

Marcela Hernandez, Interim Transfer Center Director

Esther Villanueva, FA Supervisor

Kevin Gallegos, UCLA Representative

Ramon Muniz, CSUN EOP Coordinator

Sara Rubio, Counseling Chair

Meeting called to order at 11:35 AM

1. Introduction and Welcome
  - a. K.Ng welcomed the committee and everyone introduced themselves.
  - b. K.Ng shared the names of committee members who were not able to join the meeting.
2. Review of agenda and minutes
  - a. Agenda for this meeting and minutes from the August 2023 meeting was emailed to all committee members
  - b. No changes to minutes or agenda. Errors on August minute may be emailed to K.Ng.
3. EOPS/CARE Updates, Report, and Goals
  - a. K.Ng shared highlights of EOPS for Fall 2023. The CCCCCO Datamart did not have Fall 23 academic data. K.Ng will share that information once it is published. A report was presented to the committee that included enrollment count, workshop and special event data, and break down of cohort model. The current unduplicated EOPS enrollment is 585. The Spring 24 goal is to reach 150+ new students to meet goal of 700 for the year. EOPS probation data was also presented.
  - b. B.Rodriguez shared CARE report which included Fall 23 CARE activities and enrollment. CARE continued offering in-person events such as coffee chats with CARE students and conferences/workshops. She shared that the CARE students had an increase of academic success from the previous year, but still not as high as we had hope.
  - c. K.Ng introduced Maritza Robles, adjunct NextUp counselor, to share updates about the NextUp Program. The NextUp program coordinator, Tracye Jones, transitioned to WLAC NextUp Coordinator. Currently there are only two adjunct counselors staffing the NextUp counseling office and NextUp Corner. They have not had many opportunities to do one on one work with students because they must keep the NextUp Corner open without other staff support. Students are active in the center, and they continue to do birthday celebrations each month creating bonds between students. NextUp served 64 students in 22-23 which met the funding formular of over 61 students. Currently we have 50 students. To continue maintaining enrollment for NextUp students, and retaining and servicing active students, a full-time NextUp Counselor/Coordinator is necessary.
    - a. K.Ng asked the committee for advice on how we can advocate for more staffing for NextUp. The program presented their needs in the Faculty Hiring Planning Committee to seek approval for hiring a full time Coordinator/Counselor for NextUp and is now waiting for the President's approval.

- b. K.Ng asked the committee to refer anyone who shows interest in working with foster youth as the center also need interns/student workers to support the office. It is important to have the right staffing in the space.
- c. M.Hernandez suggested that the advisory make the recommendation to the president to hire the full-time coordinator/counselor as an urgent need. K.Ng asked the committee to vote if this is a statement they endorse. The committee unanimously agree for this action.

#### 4. Service Recommendation: 55<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

- a. K.Ng shared that in September 2024, EOPS is celebrating it's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The state and our local region are currently planning a big campaign to celebrate. K.Ng asked for suggestions on how we can celebrate locally. Currently there is a sweater/t-shirt design in the works.
  - a. J.Flores suggested researching and bringing back EOPS alum: a "Where are they now?" campaign through video clips. He suggested to go beyond the college and sharing the message to the community.
  - b. S.Rubio suggested using the campus marquee and B.Rodriguez mentioned using local bus marketing.
  - c. M.Hernandez suggested a "I am EOPS" campaign.
  - d. K.Ng mentioned that we can revisit more ideas at our summer meeting, but also has plans to host a week long program similar to the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration 5 years ago in September.

#### 5. Campus and Community Partner Updates

- a. A.Zesati shared that CalWORKS has 212 students. The program has been doing well and continue to provide workshops for students. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala Recognition will be hosted on May 16.
- b. M.Hernandez thanked the EOPS CARE team for their collaboration throughout the year with field trips, ADT, Transfer Con and fair etc. Currently the center is working on ADT verification and continues to share the next steps with students.
- c. J.Flores reported that 17 LAHC students showed interest in EOP at CSUN out of 1624 total applications. CSUN is still getting CSU applications, so he predicts that more will come. CSUN EOP is looking to enroll more EOP students. Discussed the possibility in doing EOP workshops for our students and presenting at the LAHC Transfer Con to talk about the EOP application process, asking for recommendations etc.
- d. K. Gallegos shared that UCLA has 41% 1<sup>st</sup> gen students and 34% underrepresented students. LAHC had 77 applications with a 21% admit rate, similar to last year. K.Gallegos suggested bringing in CCCP Program Coordinator Melody Satele to this meeting to bring more UC transfer awareness. Committee agreed that this is a great idea.
- e. S.Rubio shared general counseling information and mentioned her support for our programs.
- f. E.Villanueva talked about the 24-25 FAFSA changes. Most students who are having a hard time with the applications are folks who do not have their parents' SS#. They would have to call the Dept of Ed to clear the issue. They are offering support from 9-12PM at the Welcome Center. Spring DQ has been sent and SAP workshops happening soon.

#### 6. Other items

- a. D.Reid thanked each committee member for their support.
- b. K.Ng also thanked the committee and look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40PM