



CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

Student Success Committee

Thursday April, 7th 2022

ZOOM: <https://4cd.zoom.us/j/2891250372>

Attendees: Vanna Gonzales, Erica Villegas Padilla, Joel Nickelson-Shanks, Monica Rodriguez, Jack Wheller, Jason Berner, Vanessa Mercado, Jose Zepeda, Shelley Ruby, Brandy Gibson, Hector Moncada, Brianne Ayala, Andrea Phillips.

Note: Agenda was released on Tuesday morning (April 6th) rather than April 5th because Dr. Gonzales had to take a sick day on Monday (she sent an email to her division office and students) and therefore could not send out the agenda until Tuesday.

As co-chair Dr. Gonzales made a decision to carry on with the meeting as scheduled given that she is responsible for the agenda, was sick three days prior to the scheduled meeting and the committee had a lot of business to take care of. In addition to sending the agenda out prior to 9Am on Tuesday, she also sent a second email out to committee members with a calendar invite Wednesday, April 7th

Call to Order

Vanna Gonzales. The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Vanna Gonzales, Seconded by Brianne Ayala

Agenda was approved.

Discussion of committee membership	Vanna Gonzales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector will work with student workers in Student life to see if other students would be interested to serve since Erica has not been able to recruit any additional students from ASU. • Vanna suggested that anyone on the committee could help recruit additional students to provide much valued student input, but we need to have students as part of the 'student constituency' as it is not fair for students if there are not students on ASU that show up or there is a political decision made not to have adequate representation as it impacts the ability to gain quorum and therefore impedes items that may come up for vote. • Questions regarding student participation? What are the procedures for when students must leave? • Jason B. – Suggestion on reminder, it may help to send out a calendar invite to which Dr. Gonzales indicated
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		<p>that she had done that for regular committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management—who will be recruited to fill vacant position for Jason Cifra for May meeting? Management representatives are usually run through management council for everyone and so Monica will raise this issue there and Vanna indicated that she would reach out to Rod as well, for whom Monica was serving as a proxy since he was not able to attend and will not be in attendance in May. • Faculty—who will be taking on vacant voting role? Shelley Ruby will be filling the role of Nikki Ferguson as voting member. • CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO FUTURE AGENDA: Substitute Shelly in as permanent voting member and hopefully addition of new student and management members
Approval of minutes from February and March meetings	Vanna Gonzales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve March minutes by Brianne Ayala, Seconded by Shelley Ruby Minutes were approved. • Motion to approve February minutes by Brianne Ayala, Seconded by Vanessa Mercado Minutes were approved.
Comet Day	Joel Nickelson-Shanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comet Day is next week April 14th • Will be busing students from local high schools. • Agenda and flier were shared as well as all participating departments. • Some of the programs will be in session and showing students what life is like in those departments. • Suggestion – showing current students the campus environment would be helpful as there are many students who have not seen the campus since the pandemic and Comet day provides a useful opportunity for them. • Jason B.- Arts and Lit Fest next Tuesday. All students are welcome to attend. • Brandy G.—Questions regarding bus arrival. Some will arrive early at 9:15am. • Monica R. - I think the progression of Comet Day might be to have one for high school and another for our non-traditional students down the road. Recruitment for adult students, re-entry, etc. • MCHS and Gateway students are invited to Comet Day as well. • Question regarding comet day recruitment: How did you recruit? Local high schools recruiting. • It would be helpful to have them on board.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will students be surveyed? Text message QR will be sent out to students to see what their experience was like. • Resource fair participants will receive messaging on where their tables will be located, etc.
Science Center Event	Rene Sporer, NSAS Division Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be holding Ribbon cutting ceremony on the 21st from 5pm. Light refreshments will be provided. • Everyone has been invited, everyone is welcome. • Self-guided tours will be available. Jon will be doing a demo in the planetarium. • Is there a flyer that went out to students or community about this event? • Not a student event, more of an orientation for the public. • Bond funded building – event to outreach to communities to get them oriented with the new building. • Trustees and political reps, bond oversight committee, foundation, high school principals, and other local leaderships. Science instructors and faculty from local high schools.
Equity Update	Mayra Padilla, Dean of Equity and Institutional Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myra was not in attendance and this agenda item was parked for the next meeting once we figure out who can speak about relevant issues. • California will be having an Equity forum, but no CCC (Contra Costa College) reps will be there.
Financial Aid	Monica Rodriguez, Financial Aid Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid Report Slide Deck • FAFSA/CASAA deadline was extended to April 1st because of low filling rates. • HEERD III COVID-19 Emergency Grants: \$1.8 million remaining. • Application is open and available until all funds have been allocated. • Finish 4 Free (Covered old debt) and Finish Faster (enroll fulltime to receive \$1k and \$500 after remaining enrolled in courses) Grants- Supported via HEERF funds • There will not be any additional HEERF Funds past HEERF III for CCC. • The ongoing goal is to increase FAFSA/CADAA filers and CA Promise Grant/Pell Grant recipients. • Current filing rates are not where they need to be. • Enrolment has also gone down. In 21-22 34% filing. • Only institutions receiving 50% or more are receiving HEERF IV. (Currently at 23%)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCC Foundation Scholarships – Students will be notified by the end of next week.• Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May.• New program for incoming first-year students (22-23 AY Pilot Program)• The application is already out. High School students are encouraged to apply, to receive in the Fall of 2022.• 22-23 AY Pell Grant Max has increased by \$400.• Verification back for 22-23 (No longer required to verify high school completion. Except in conflicts in information)• 22-23 financial aid processing to open in April. April 12th – Students will receive information that packages will begin to be updated. Will be working with Rod to get text notifications out.• How can students get financial aid? Students can reach in person Tuesday and Thursdays from 9am-4pm for drop ins. Zoom hours Monday through Thursday 9am-4pm. Zoom appointments can be booked via www.contracosta.edu/financialaid• Email with 1-3 day turn around financialaid@contracosta.edu• Ask Comet• Comments – Have had more direct services that don't go through financial aid. How can we bundle the services across departments? With incoming students, how can we warm hand-off?• How can we incorporate FA information for students?• Will need to get others comfortable with speaking about financial aid. Breaking down common myths. Many students believe they must be full time to receive aid.• What is a good mechanism to do that basic FA training? Where can we get this information to students where it feels more comfortable and safer?• How unique are we and what can we do to rally around student success?• Caring Campus Initiative – opportunity to work together with Classified on this. Destigmatizing and normalizing financial aid. We would need training and PD to expand the knowledge of our staff and students.• All are understaffed. Key is to get folks comfortable with being able to answer basic questions regarding financial aid.• Comet Cash Day – aligned with FAFSA. Have not found an effective way to transition this within the zoom world.
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ASU update	Erica Villegas Padilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled for next meeting. Student rep had to leave due to emergency.
Cont. Discussion regarding benchmarks for coordination around student success	Vanna Gonzales Erica Villegas Padilla	<p>Vanna will seed time to Shelley Ruby to give an initial preview of information that will be centered for discussion in May regarding – Guided Pathways: How can student support be embedded in student experience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific programs like EOPS and Puente do support well but do not cover most of our enrolled students. • Working to visit as many councils as possible and committees to get input. • Two areas that are newer are peer mentorship. Like the idea of implementing on a wider scale at CCC for all students. • Student Success Coach – First point of contact for students who have any questions about anything. It has not yet been decided who will be taking on this role. • Ideas need to be connected to the budget and stakeholders. With lack of administrative leadership, it makes it difficult to move things forward. • Professionals need to be doing the work if it involves advising. Connectors where students can go vs. being sent to a website is important so that students have a positive experience with accurate, reliable information. • What can we do constructively as a pilot without exploiting folks in having volunteer labor do what is an important job in terms of increasing FA for students to thereby increase enrollment? • In support – takes more work vs. reactive support and waiting for students to come by. • Spoken with ASU these past semesters to find out where the gaps are and what is missing. There is a student engagement group. The survey was sent out to students and is currently still open. <p>Fall Semester ideas:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanna will try to reach out to President and someone from District to better understand what specifically happened with the MC given the information that was provided from the interim chancellor concerning the failed RFP and subsequent resignation of the Chancellor. We need a better understanding of what, if anything, will be happening without that marketing plan and associated funding stream(s).
Public Presentations/Open discussion on topics for next meeting	Erica Villegas Padilla Vanna Gonzales	<i>No public comment at this time.</i>

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Thursday, May 5th, 2022, 2:00PM-4:00PM

[Adjournment](#)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53PM