

Student Success Committee

February 1, 2018

2:30-4:00

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Present: Miguel Alvarez, Bill Bankhead, Jason Berner, Karl Debro (Chair), Dennis Franco, Brandy Gibson, Marques McCoy (LMC), George Mills, Joel Nickelson-Shanks, Mayra Padilla, Kelly Ramos, Monica Rodriguez, MaryKate Rossi, Shelley Ruby, Ken Sherwood, Randy Watkins

The meeting was called to order at 2:40.

The agenda and minutes were approved.

Joel Nickelson-Shanks reported on the ASU's planned free breakfast program. They will be working with Culinary to provide breakfasts for approximately 100 students per day per month (at a cost of approximately \$10,000/semester). Student Success approved the money. ASU plans to adopt some sort of ticket-based system for distributing the breakfasts. Some questions that ASU is grappling with include where the tickets should be "housed"? How should they be distributed? There was some discussion about ways to prioritize the distribution (e.g., should different programs like Gateway survey their students to gauge need, etc.). Mayra Padilla reminded Joel to be aware of reaching out to students who aren't already "resourced" in other ways. Mayra also suggested the possibility of encouraging teachers to include a statement about the program on their syllabi or having flyers distributed through the bookstore.

George Mills gave a presentation on student success data for EOPS. EOPS term-to-term retention is on average about 20% higher than the rest of the college across all ethnic groups. They also have higher course completion and success rates, and a large percentage of degrees and certificates are awarded to EOPS students. One thing that George has found useful is encouraging students to approach teachers and ask questions like, "How do you see my involvement in the class affecting your ability to teach me?" "What do you see as my strengths as a student?" The idea is to engage instructors in a give-and-take. Another thing that leads to EOPS success is that the program always works with the students' "networks" to provide support and in turn become part of the students' networks themselves. George emphasized the fact that one of the things EOPS does—personal outreach, phone calls—is something that anyone can do.

Karl Debro spoke about the AVID program and asked for help in recruiting interested faculty to at least look into the program. (Karl might try to arrange a sort of informational session to give more details to faculty and see if we can attract participants to go through the full AVID training.) Ideally, we would identify 20-30 faculty interested in doing this.

Bill Bankhead and Monica Rodriguez shared a presentation on the Student Financial Wellness Initiative. This program aims to improve financial literacy in our students.

Dennis Franco provided an overview of the CAR group (Council on Access and Retention).

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

Next meeting: Thursday, March 1.