

VENTURA COLLEGE

Student Success and Support Committee - Minutes

Student Services Conference Room

October 16, 2013

Present: Margaret Dominguez, Leslie Drayton, Guadalupe Guillen, Karen Harrison, Kim Karkos, Alex Kolesnik, Victoria Lugo, Corinna McCoy, Kay Snow, Dan Walsh

Absent: Gloria Arevalo, Barbara Barajas, Susan Bricker, Sabrina Canola, Kelly Peinado, Stephen Manriquez, Eric Martinsen

Recorder: Tricia Bergman

Minutes:

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required)	Completion Timeline	Assigned to:
Old Business	With a request to list absent members on the minutes, by consensus, the minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting were approved.			
Approve Mission Statement	Approval of the Student Success and Support Committee's Mission Statement was adopted by unanimous consensus. The statement reads: "The Student Success and Support Advisory Committee collaborates with instructional and student services faculty and staff to advance the goals for student success by promoting practices that engage students, as well as enhancing communication between staff, faculty and students."			
Update from Student Success Implementation Summit	<p>Victoria Lugo spoke about the Student Success Implementation Summit she, Susan Bricker and Guadalupe Guillen had attended on September 23rd and 24th. She said it was very interesting. One of the goals that was considered a high priority was getting campuses to work together, to break down silos and do more partnering with each other. There was a conversation about "boutique programs" – connecting students with their heritage. She shared about the Puentes program, a first year experience program for students which utilizes resources and services for student success programs across campuses and shared that their programs "secret formula" for success is a handout that details the resources that are available for students on campus.</p> <p>She went on to say that at the Summit she received an updated budget for FY '14. Ventura College will be receiving \$512,000,</p>			

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	<p>which is an increase of approximately \$300,000. She said a large amount of that money will be for funding additional summer hourly counseling. Dan Walsh shared how busy the counselors had been this past summer due to the changes in enrollment priorities. He said some of the students waited up to 3 hours for a drop-by appointment with a counselor as drop-by appointments were the only appointments available during the summer. Online orientation will be going live for summer 2014, and it should meet students' needs more efficiently and effectively.</p> <p>Another project for the money allocation will be used for relocating Matriculation and Assessment to Guthrie Hall. Victoria Lugo passed out a handout explaining the credit funding allocation formula and pointed out how a more comprehensive educational plan, which insures students will meet their goals, will bring in more money to the college. Also, a portion of the allocation money will be used to purchase 40 laptop computers and a charging station to use in Guthrie Hall. Alex Kolesnik shared that laptops will soon be obsolete, as the newest technology is learning towards Tablets now and that would be the best option to pursue rather than laptop computers.</p>			
View Online Math Prep Test	<p>Alex Kolesnik gave a demonstration on how the "My-Math-Lab" software works, specifically the different levels of the Math Diagnostic Testing Program (MDTP). He explained that My-Math-Lab is free to all our students due to the volume of Pearson products purchased each year. He said Marian Anthony has created program modules that directly correlate to our own assessment testing, and shared that the advantage to this tool is that it is computerized and will recognize any deficiencies the student may have and better prepare them for taking the assessment test. Dan Walsh asked if the academic counselors should be directing students to this program to help them better prepare for the assessment testing. Alex said it would be very advantageous. Victoria said Steve Manriquez could include something on the Matriculation and Assessment's website that would direct students to the My-Math-Lab testing program. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that this would be a good program to promote for the Spring semester and could be piloted then.</p>	Further discussion on this topic was tabled to the next meeting.		

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Other	<p>Leslie shared that Jose Gutierrez has been scheduled to come to his class to talk to the students about the programs that are available to them at Ventura College. Dan Walsh said he would be happy to do the same for any class and it should take about 20 minutes. He also suggested that it would be beneficial for the Tutoring Center to do a presentation.</p> <p>Kim Karkos, a new faculty member from Child Development, was introduced as the newest member to the committee.</p> <p>Before the meeting adjourned, there was brief discussion regarding the Early Alert online system and how it interfaces with students, faculty and staff.</p>			
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.			
Next Meeting	November 20, 2013, 3:00 p.m.			