

Student Success Committee (SSC) Minutes

January 23, 2019 @ 2-3:30 pm in Campus Center Conference Room (CCCR)

Charge: The Student Success Committee (SSC) is the participatory governance committee responsible for student success and related initiatives. The SSC integrates and aligns student success efforts into a cohesive strategy through on-going evaluation of data. SSC makes recommendations to close achievement gaps and continuously improve student success outcomes in accordance with State guidelines and the Ventura College Master Plan.

	Agenda Items	Discussion Notes	Action	Date	Who
1.	Call to Order	Meeting called to order by V. Allen at 2:03pm.			
2.	Public Comments	 D. Pena would like to congratulate Student Affairs staff on the Grand Opening of the Food Pantry. P. Munoz would like to make note that Public Comments differ from Announcements in that Public Comments should pertain to items on agenda. 			
3.	Approval of Minutes • 12/12/18	B. Herrera moves to approve Minutes, second by L. Wright Yes: All	Vote		
4.	Discuss Equity Programs -Homelessness -LGBTQ -Disabled -Recently/Currently Incarcerated	 Homeless - Guests attending: Mary Jones, Mike Pallotto, John Ruff - M. Jones discusses how the Health Center treats homeless students and current resources offered such as mental health counseling, food, basic clothing needs. AB1805 mandates us to have homeless liaison, showers, (Annette Hernandez in Financial Aid is current liaison). Number of students on campus who identify as homeless is growing. J. Ruff leads discussion about resources and services led by the Basic Needs office such as (re- housing program, CalFresh aka EBT, Student ID's for bus passes, lockers in the Gym to shower, direction to safe parking lots if student has a car to sleep in). Students who "couch-surf" are identified as homeless. Students are identified through interviews in Financial Aid. A. Rodriguez encourages Academic Senate members to talk to other Faculty members regarding adding the Basic Needs Office information as a contact in their syllabi for struggling students. Ideas to better serve homeless population – shelter ideas (after- hours shelter), working with the City for student housing (coalition for county), discussing at Neighborhood Council Meetings located in Wright event center (last Wednesday of 	Discussion (30 min) Questions (30 min)		

every month) for hot items and current campus issues, suggestion for housing board on campus, resources are welcome to donate to the Food Pantry, campaigns for students who are nearing homelessness and outreach for mental health services. Staff and Faculty need to know more about the services being offered on campus in order to refer students and better identify those in need. Suggestions to put out a poster for identifying this student population so that staff and faculty can help to refer these students to the services offered.		
LGBTQ- Ty Gardener has taken over advising the LGBTQ. Mary Jones has been working with the club on "safe-zones" and referring students to her mental health counselors who work closely with these students and their transitions and coming out.		
Number is unknown of number of LGBTQ students on campus. 20 students regularly participating in the LGBTQ club but more attend on other occasions.		
Suggestions to help students: cultural competence training for staff and faculty, or adding ask/honor/apologize type phrases in syllabi, allowing students to change name on roll, more gender neutral restrooms, buttons "ask me what my pronoun is", suggestion to look at he/she pronouns in the college catalog, suggestions to vote as a committee for wording to include in syllabi.		
Tutoring Center recently held culturally competence training.		
Rainbow Umbrella – coalition for gay or transitioning teens and resource available for students.		
Disabled students – EAC served 1,400 students in AY 17-18 and growing. Largest category is learning disabilities, second is mental health, third highest category is other. Patty Wendt passes out a brochure and discusses services offered by EAC for disabled students. ADA mandates everyone to include a disability statement on their syllabi. EAC received excess funds from the		
state for a learning disability specialist funded last year. Suggestion to brainstorm peer tutoring to help with AB705. Steve Turner discusses his newly added certificate of completion for students with autism. Suggestion to expand open lab opportunities and technology components for our disabled		