



Office of the President

April 14, 2023

April Montes, Program Coordinator I
MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement)

Dear April Montes,

Thank you for all the work you put into completing your comprehensive program review. It has been reviewed by the College Planning Committee and the Executive Team. The College Planning Committee feedback is attached. Below, you will find comments, commendations, and recommendations from the Executive Team. These are provided for incorporation into your annual program planning processes. Typically, recommendations require planning improvements that will be implemented over time. Thus, in your subsequent annual mini reviews, you will want to provide updates on progress made towards addressing these recommendations.

Comments:

The VC (Ventura College) MESA program successfully supports underserved and underrepresented students majoring in calculus-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields who aim to transfer to a four-year university. MESA also serves a disproportionate number of students of color, more specifically students of Latina/s and Asian descent. This past year, we are glad to see that participant numbers in MESA are increasing and beginning to approach pre-pandemic numbers. The program has experienced several successes and has outlined numerous opportunities for growth as described below.

Commendations:

The VC MESA program,

1. Effectively fosters and maintains positive relationship with internal and external community partners.
2. Is proactive and successful in establishing partnerships with other university and community college MESA programs, K-12 partners, relevant community agencies, and corporations.
3. Offers learning communities – in collaboration with STEM faculty – developed to enhance the students' learning experience of STEM majors.
4. Provides intentional student support to expand their leadership skills and real-life work experience through networking and STEM speaker series.

Ventura College will be a beacon of learning — a source of inspiration and guidance — for our students and community.

5. Possesses a positive reputation among students throughout the college.
6. Prioritizes a sense of belonging for students through the MESA Picnic Convocation, and by offering a MESA Open House for all students who declare a STEM major, and those who are undecided, to learn about our services and other campus services and opportunities.

Recommendations

1. Support the increased staffing of MESA and STEM Harbor in collaboration with the grant.
2. Work in collaboration with the VC tutoring center to train all MESA tutors to be effective, subject relevant, culturally responsive tutors at the college.
3. Work with the new STEM Deans and the HSI-STEM grant team to develop closer working relationships with STEM faculty.
4. Consider seeking additional funding sources – grants and fundraising – to support goals including upgrades in technology for the MESA center and more field trips to relevant conferences and STEM labs/future workplaces.

CPC's overall recommendation is to **Strengthen the Program**, to which I concur. Thank you again for your dedicated work in improving outcomes for our students.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jesus Vega, Dean of Student Engagement
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Q2 - What is this program doing well?

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Fantastic academic and social support for large cohorts of STEM students.

The program is doing well at servicing underprivileged STEM Students.

Lots of outreach and opportunities for their students. Great co-orts and follow through when transferring

Employer network Opportunities for students to learn about STEM Strong peer support and alumni support Opportunities for internships

Students' achievement and available resources to students

Q3 - What could this program improve upon?

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Identify a better student utilization tracking method/software.

more space to serve students.

Funding for trips/computers for students

More staffing to meet students' needs

Q6 - How well do the program's objectives align with the VC Educational Master Plan?

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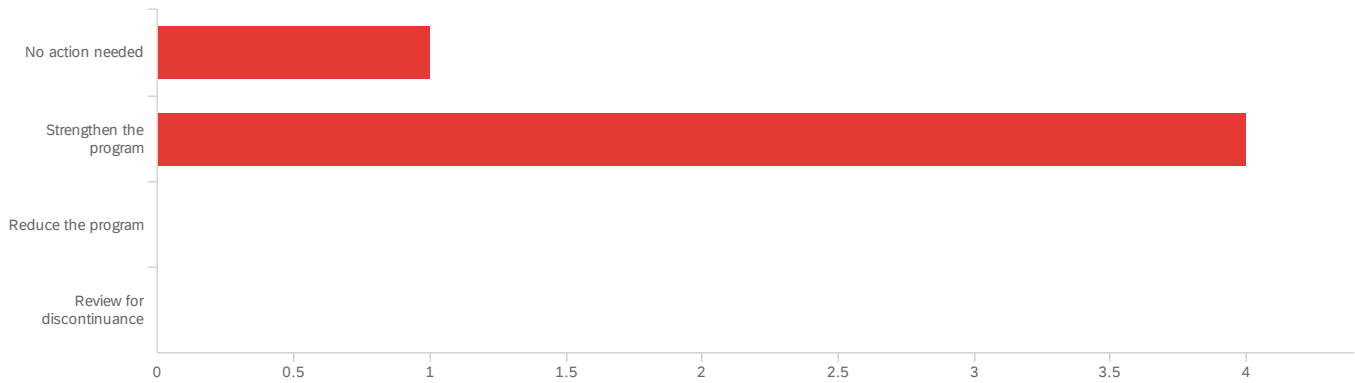
Basically all goals in the Ed Master Plan, as well as basically all goals in the Student Equity Plan

The program has excelled at providing student success.

Seems they are doing it.

Increase student success while closing equity gaps Strengthen community engagement

Q8 - I recommend the following course of action for this program:



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	I recommend the following course of action for this program:	1.00	2.00	1.80	0.40	0.16	5

#	Field	Choice Count
1	No action needed	20.00% 1
2	Strengthen the program	80.00% 4
3	Reduce the program	0.00% 0
4	Review for discontinuance	0.00% 0

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