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Student Services Council

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September 26, 2024 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Zoom Conference: <u>https://sbccd-edu.zoom.us/i/85688572521</u>

	In Person: ADS	S 207				
Members:	'-	Α	Р		Α	Р
	Dr. Olivia Rosas, Facilitator		Х	Amanda Moody		Χ
Student Services Mission: To provide a system of support services that enhances student success and achievement of educational goals.	Elaine Akers		Х	Joseph Nguyen	X	
	Jason Alvarez	Х		Justine Plemons		Χ
	Veada Benjamin		Χ	Fermin Ramirez		Χ
	Keynasia Buffong		Χ	Carmen Rodriguez		Χ
	Dr. Raymond Carlos		Χ	Oscar Rodriguez	Х	
	Yancie Carter		Χ	Dave Rubio		Χ
	Marco Cota		Χ	Evelyn Ruiz Trujillo		Χ
	Michelle Crocfer	X		Ty Simpson		Χ
	April Dale		Χ	Ayanna Spivey		Χ
	Priscilla De Loera		Χ	Michelle Tinoco	X	
	Aida Gil		Χ	Sam Trejo	X	
	Joanne Hinojosa		Χ			
	Patrice Hollis		Χ	GUESTS:		
	Frederick Jones		Χ	LaCretia Smith		Χ
	Maryum Malika	X		Jennifer Valencia		Χ
	Marty Milligan		Χ			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		FURTHER ACTION			
Approval of April 25, 2024 Minutes.	Amanda Moody moved; Fredo seconded. Minutes approved					

2. Enrollment Updates

Dr. Rosas reported overall FTE's are up about 14% compared to last year and 7% from fall to fall. There is concern about the drop rate, which is up about 20 students from last year who dropped out completely. 1,851 drops last year compared to 1,875 this year. There have been conversations about what we are going to do about retention strategies, and how we need to be collaborative and very intentional. One of the areas that needs work is student athletes. Priority B registration is going to be critical for them and they need to have the consequences of not returning to school explained so they can make good decisions.

Keynasia mentioned some of the coaches are telling their athletes not to see a counselor. The coaches should be involved in a conversation about how best to serve their students and retain them.

Dr. Rosas informed the group we met with the coaches in July and our plan is to have these ongoing conversations. The Huddle is going to be in the Gym Building now to provide more guidance and be more accessible. Coaches see it as their role to help the students enroll. They need to worry about recruiting and coaching and we need to take care of the counseling, enrolling and transfer process so students receive correct information.

Ray said the Athletic Department is aware of some of these things being brought up. If there are additional concerns, please email them to Ray Carlos or Dave Rubio.

Freddy stated Umoja has several student athletes this semester and they are not aware special programs exist to help them.

Ty said we need to have support for the athletic counselor. We have one full-time and one part-time athletic counselor available to assist the athletes.

Dr. Rosas reported an event was held in the fall for football players to assist them with special programs, matriculation, and financial aid. Another meeting with the coaches will be held in a few weeks to discuss some of these concerns and what can be done.

Ray will forward the 3C2A Eligibility Bylaws to be shared with SS Council members. Here is the link 3C2A Constitution and Bylaws: https://3c2asports.org/Constitution/2024-25/2024-25 Constitution.pdf

	Athletes should not feel like they are overlooked after the season is over and should be made to feel like they matter. April stated the block party is to assist students enroll for spring. If students need guidance, there are counselors that can assist and provide support for all students. Ray asked if they want to see a counselor, do they only see athletic counselors from The Huddle. It seems like there needs to be some cross training if there are too few athletic counselors. Dr. Rosas said the retention rate is not good specifically for our football players, and out of 85 players in the fall, we may have retained 12 of them.	
3. BookSaver Update – Dr. Rosas	Dr. Rosas reported we now have a BookSaver Task Force that met last week and will meet again in October. Students will be able to Opt in or Opt out without coming to Admissions and can do it themselves online. The other item being reviewed is whether students can Opt in for certain books but not all of them.	An authorization form should be in place for spring semester for students to complete allowing some of their Financial Aid award to be used to pay for their books.
4. Equitable Pathways – Dr. Rosas	Dr. Rosas stated the Student Equity, Guided Pathways, SSSP and Basic Skills committees will be merging into one committee called Equitable Pathways.	

5. Area/Dept Updates - All

Basic Needs: Ray and LaCretia have are going to create a blueprint to identify all students as they enter Valley to see who can be eligible for CalFresh and MediCal and focus on the retention level to make sure students have the specific support in these areas. This blueprint will go to the state and show how we can add this to our existing practices to be able to identify which students are eligible for these programs.

Once we receive the PowerPoint presentation, Ray will share with the Council to help identify these students in our areas. Goal is 100% of students who are eligible will be enrolled in these programs.

Rising Scholars: Marco reported on Rising Scholars and said we are reestablishing the services for them. An email will be sent to faculty and staff with information on Rising Scholars. Please refer students to Frank Dunn, the counselor who will be working them.

Grad Check: Marco reported Grad check on September 10 was cancelled and we are doing an online event on October 9 between 9am-6pm. A&R will accept applications a little late and all counselors will be involved. There will be a follow up breakfast and fun time in the spring on February 11 for students.

Flyers will be in mailboxes and if you don't receive them, let Keynasia know.

Transfer: Keynasia shared transfer season has arrived. Berkeley is coming to do in-person appointments; Trades and Tacos will be on October 9 in collaboration with CalWORKs and will have employers there. UCR and Cal State SB will also be coming in person so applications are open.

Outreach/Recruitment: Justine reported they are working towards Fall 2025 and are creating materials with marketing for the high school students and K-8. Tours are booked for this fall semester. Site visits with K-12 schools are being held and the pop ups are being brought back for the ten high schools, to give out promos and promote the application.

Student Health Services: Fall Health Fair is October 23.

Evelyn reported the Immigrants Rising-Building Bridges conference, on November 7 from 9 am-1pm in B-100. Undocu Student Action Week has a number of events from October 14-18.

LFSAA Events: Aida shared the following: October 1 will be a Hispanic Heritage Taquiza and tacos in B-100; Loteria on October 8 in the Liberal Arts courtyard; painting near the Art Gallery on October 10 from 11am-1pm and

Flyers will be shared with the Council.

	Undocumented Student Action Week Food and Banda on October 14 from 6-8 pm in the Greek Theatre. Freddy reported Umoja will be filming once per month for all students to share in topic discussions. The next recording will be October 9 at 2:00pm in LA 106. Umoja will be hosting the annual Kwanzaa celebration on December 5 from 6pm-9pm. They have launched Tumaini Tuesdays in Umoja where students can get clothing and other things they may need. The Pali Retreat is October 25-27 and the annual HBCU tour is during spring break in March 2025 to Georgia and Alabama. Veada said the shared folder for late adds is down so email Veada directly until it is back up.	
6. Adjourn – Next Meeting: October 24, 2024 – 10-11:00am, ADSS 207		