
MEETING NOTES FOR MAR. 12, 2018

Present

Yevonne Allen, Kaylene Brady, Yuliana Chavez, Rick Floyd, Estella Gutierrez, Robert Hernandez, Jay Jorgenson, Hirokazu Kishinami, Andy Hughes, Peter Miller, Michelle Montoya, Tamera Mooney, Naomi Okada, Joan Steinman, Sidney Sullivan, Zachary Totans, Cameron Tuttle, Sharon Wurm

Guest: Julie Ellsworth

1. Math Placement – Julie Ellsworth – The ACCUPLACER test is undergoing changes and a new version of the test is scheduled to be implemented in January 2019. Some faculty are concerned because the new version will not work as well for placement in math as it will not measure results in the same way as the old version. Julie explained that one reason for the changes may be a current trend towards statistics rather than algebra which has changed the national schema. Julie wanted to brief us on current information and ongoing discussions about this topic. Stay tuned.
2. Unit Updates:
 - a. Admissions & Records/Testing – Andy – TST-The exams are called next-generation ACCUPLACER tests. Institutions who use the ACCUPLACER are providing feedback to the College Board to help with a concordance. A&R-The Foster Youth Committee will meet on March 16 and they are planning to hold the Spring Foster Youth Summit on April 27. Admission & Records is currently recruiting for an NSHE Specialist 1. Graduation is at Lawlor Events Center on May 11, at 4:30 p.m.
 - b. Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability- Yevonne – PI Day festivities are this Wednesday, March 14, between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the DISCO. The Diversity Summit is on April 12.
 - c. Tutoring and Learning Center – Michelle and Naomi – They also have a PI day event. It is a scavenger hunt with mini pies and prizes for participants. Per YeVonne's invitation, the Tutoring and Learning Center will move their PI day event to the DISCO. TLC is putting in a RAP request to maintain their current level of service. They will offer limited tutoring services during spring break. They are currently seeking tutors and are able to hire LOA's as well as students, so please send qualified applicants their way.
 - d. Student Government Association Student Senator– Hiro – For those who don't yet know, Nicole had a little boy and his name is Alex! This week is SGA's Wellness Week and they are sponsoring several activities including a soft yoga class on Tuesday from 11-12 and therapy dogs on campus this Thursday from 11-1 p.m. There will be a club fair on March 29 in the Eardley Student Center.
 - e. Career Center – Sidney – The Employer Appreciation Luncheon is this Thursday in the Pennington Applied Technology Center Hub. "The Spring Break Boot Camp" is being offered again this year. Each topic will be offered twice during spring break. The spring job fairs are scheduled for April 4 (Dandini) and April 18 (Pennington Applied Technology Center).
 - f. Access, Outreach & Recruitment – Yuli – They met with the Jacobs donors and they are continuing their funding of our program for another three years! Thanks to everyone who attended the Nevada Promise Meet and Greet. The event was a success! Financial Aid is sending the Promise students reminders for their deadlines.
 - g. Financial Aid, Scholarships & Student Employment – Peter – It takes time to get the Nevada Promise Scholarship students through their required actions. There are many deadlines that they must meet. They are sending emails, text messages and calling students on the phone to remind them to meet those deadlines. If they miss even one deadline, it could jeopardize their funding which is why they are so focused on the reminders. Peter is the Master of Ceremonies for this year's graduation ceremony.

- h. Student Government Association Advisor – Rick – The application period for leadership positions in the SGA is now closed. Students will campaign from March 26- 30. The voting will take place on April 4 and 5. Proposed changes to SGA were approved. Rick is pursuing more outdoor activities for the SGA to sponsor.
 - i. Academic Advisement/Financial Aid and Student Success – Sharon – ADV-The Nevada System of Higher Education is conducting a transfer and articulation audit this spring and Natalie Brown, Director of Academic Advisement, is the TMCC lead on this project. SOAR II starts April 4. Nevada Promise students will have their SOAR II before its official start date. FA -The student loan default rate went from 25.3 % in fall 2015 to 14.5% for fall 2018! Financial Aid is searching an open AAIV position that works primarily with verification. Sharon is a member of a system wide working group charged with reviewing state supported financial aid programs. Programs being reviewed are: 1) Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship; 2) Silver State Opportunity grant; and 3) Nevada Promise program.
 - j. Counseling – Cameron – They are rearranging the Counseling Center during spring break. Please stop by after spring break week to see the changes. Their “Movies for Mental Health” event is on March 13 from 12:30-2:30 in RDMT 256. The event is free and includes lunch.
 - k. Student Services & Diversity – Kaylene- Now that we have all your assessment docs (thank you) the directors will meet to discuss and plan the first assessment report.
 - l. Veterans Upward Bound – Robert-During the last couple of weeks, the VUB staff have been out of the office for conferences. Everyone is back now. They filed the last grant cycle report for the previous TRiO award. VUB enrollment is stronger than ever!
 - m. Retention and Support Services – Joan – They are making progress with the assessment tool. The CCSEE focus groups with students are completed. Next up are the faculty focus groups. DRC- They will have spring break and summer transition camps. Work on their database is underway and it may be up and running by fall. DRC staff recently started using Starfish to send accessibility letters to students and it is working out well. COUN-Camille Vega is working with specialty courts and the prison system to streamline enrollment for former prisoners who are trying to reenter society and she is making progress with this outreach.
 - n. Veterans Resource Center – Zack – TMCC is now a “Purple Heart College”. This is the first day of voting for the NV Energy Foundation Power of Good Giveaway. Please support the VRC with your votes this week.
3. Standing Items:
- a. Academic Affairs & Student Services-Tabled
 - b. Accreditation Committee-Joan-Brad Summerhill was elected as head of the committee which will make it more cohesive. They are working through the findings and planning the mid-year cycle report.
 - c. Budget Allocation Committee-Sharon-Directors will review all RAPS for duplication and ownership. The Budget committee will meet on April 19 and rank the RAPS. After that they go to the Leadership team and then to the President’s Cabinet. We should have answers by May. Salary savings are being used to fund COLA. The idea of leaving positions vacant to save money does not help us in the long run since the state now expects us to fund COLA from those savings.
 - d. Enrollment Management Committee – Andy- The “Steps to Enroll” were reviewed and updated. We need to increase retention rates for continuing and returning students.
4. Estella’s Updates:
- a. Estela is having knee surgery and will be out for a few weeks, but will read the assessment reports while on leave.
 - b. Jim New is streamlining the Resource Allocation Process.
 - c. The Grants Manager resigned and that position is vacant at this time.

- d. The NSHE Student Affairs Committee met on February 28 and all, except CSN, recommended elimination of the excess fee. CSN is generating a lot of revenue from the fee. This item is on the June agenda. Stay tuned.
- e. The Faculty of Color Coalition is being co-chaired by Yuli Chavez and Dr. Precious Hall. This initiative has the full support of the President's Cabinet. It aligns with the current AOR program Men of Color to mentor high school students, which will be followed by a Student of Color program for enrolled students.