

SSSP Agenda:

7/16/2015

- Assessment update
- ATB
- Probation and Financial Aid appeal
- Achievement coaching SSSP plan recommendations

Student Success & Support Program Meeting

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Attending: Luz Nunez, Marisol Velazquez, Fran Leonard, Matthew Robertson, Patricia Bandy

Financial Aid Update:

Marisol shared the Bobbie Kimball email concerning the draft language for students on probation and loss of Bog fee waiver in Fall 2016. WLAC drafted additional language which was forwarded to B. Kimball concerning the integration of counseling services in the email notification to students. M. Valdez will forward the draft language for the committee to review. There was discussion concerning the possible impact this new policy may have on Fall 2016 enrollment. P. Bandy explained the SS&SP met with the Financial Aid director and Dean of Admissions and a plan was developed for Fall 2106 for notification and processing of appeals for these students. This year SS&SP counselors reviewed all academic and progress probation student transcripts for options for improvement toward getting off of probation, looking for course line-out, academic renewal etc.

Students were invited to online and on-ground Academic Success workshops to assist with their understanding of the process and paperwork.

Assessment update:

There was discussion and review of a proposal and documentation provided by B. Duxler to the DMAC concerning the Assessment Placement instruments used at the colleges in the LACCD. Accuplacer was recommended by Mr. Duxler as the most suitable assessment instrument for the district and for WLAC. The majority of the colleges are using Accuplacer which is also the instrument that has been approved for use for ATB testing along with CELSA. Additionally, Accuplacer has pre-assessment testing and is computerized which allows for less development and implementation changes for the testing infrastructure than paper/pencil testing. M. Vasquez shared that the ATB would have to be paid for out of SS&SP budget, as Financial Aid cannot pay for ATB assessment tests.

There was discussion and full consensus that WLAC should transition to Accuplacer prior to the fall 2015 as the LACCD Assessment Placement manager indicated that this was the only time given the demands placed upon him for SIS, that he could implement the new instrument. There was also consensus that the multiple measures be condensed into using information concerning grade point average in last English and or Math course and overall grade point average, essentially those measures currently recommended by the statewide MMAP of which WLAC in one of the pilots.

Achievement Coaching:

Dr. Bandy indicated that several CGCA'S were hired for this fall to begin to implement Achievement Coaching for students in Basic Skills courses and on academic/ progress probation. These coaches would provide support to faculty with students that teach the basic skills courses. The support would include one-on-one and group interaction with students as a follow-up core service strategy. F. Leonard suggested including Learning Skills Faculty to assist with the overall effort.

LACCD /MIS:

Dr. Bandy discussed the LACCD report with the committee and the WLAC student contact outcomes for the year as indicated on the report. The committee agreed that WLAC had a good first year.

Next Meeting: August 2015

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