

# EOPS Advisory Board Meeting

April 15, 2015

## Attendees:

Irene Herrera, EOPS Director	Bailey Smith, LAC Director	Laura Muniz, EOPS Counselor
Hector Sanchez, EOPS Counselor	Tony Rivas, EOPS Counselor	Connie Rex, ILP Coordinator
David Tieu, EOPS CTE Counselor	Omar Maldonado,	Michele Williams, EOPS Adjunct
Nora Chavez, Basset HS Counselor	Maria Angelica Ruiz, CPP EOP	Gale Phyllis,

## Welcome and Introductions

- Irene Herrera welcomed the group and thanked them for coming out despite their busy schedules

## Review of minutes from last year's Advisory Meeting

- Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously

## New EOPS Policies

- AnnMarie asked the advisory board members to pull out the EOPS flyer located in each of their folders
- AnnMarie went over the flyer and mentioned the new EOPS eligibility requirements that will begin in the fall 2015 semester, see flyer below



The flyer is titled "EOPS Extended Opportunity Programs & Services" and is for Mt. San Antonio College. It lists the location as Student Services Center (9B), First Floor, with phone number (909) 274-4500 and website www.mtsac.edu/eops. The flyer is divided into sections: "PROGRAM BENEFITS" which lists "Academic/Career Services" (Priority Registration, One-on-one Tutoring, Academic Counseling) and "Personal/Financial Support" (TEXTBOOK \$\$\$!, UC/CSU Application Fee Waivers!, Cap and Gown). It also includes a "How Do I Qualify?" section with "Requirements to Qualify for EOPS Services" (California Resident, full-time student, Board of Governors Fee Waiver, fewer than 40 degree applicable units) and "educationally disadvantaged criteria" (Tested at or below English 67/AMLA 43 or MATH 51, remedial education, Foster Youth, G.E.D., High School GPA below 2.50). A footer note says "Please visit our website (www.mtsac.edu/eops) for information regarding the application process".

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**PROGRAM BENEFITS**

<b>Academic/Career Services</b>	<b>Personal/Financial Support</b>
♦ Priority Registration!	♦ TEXTBOOK \$\$\$!
♦ One-on-one Tutoring	♦ UC/CSU Application Fee Waivers!
♦ Academic Counseling	♦ Cap and Gown

**How Do I Qualify?**

**Requirements to Qualify for EOPS Services:**

- Be a California Resident or qualify as a California Dream Act Student
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (12 units) when accepted to the program
- Qualify for the Board of Governors (BOGW) Fee Waiver, (Method A or B) or Method C with a 0 EFC
- Have earned fewer than 40 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.00 GPA

**In addition, you must meet ONE of the following educationally disadvantaged criteria:**

- Tested at or below English 67/AMLA 43 or MATH 51
- Previously or currently enrolled in remedial education courses (math or English)
- Foster Youth (former or current)
- Did not graduate from high school, or obtained a G.E.D. (General Education Diploma)
- High School Grade Point Average (GPA) below 2.50

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- The mission and vision of EOPS was mentioned and with these new eligibility changes EOPS will increase access for students
- Students who were previously ineligible will now be because of their initial assessment scores
- Bailey pointed out second bullet be changed to “pre-college level or college preparation” instead of “remedial” terminology. “Pre college level math or English” was recommended.
- Laura asked advisory board for feedback with terminology as we are always looking at ways improve our verbage and be more inclusive
- Nora Chavez confirmed terminology change will benefit high school students
- Bailey was thanked for input by Irene and Laura
- Question by Connie Rex “can a student with a disability be eligible for EOPS?” and Irene responded with yes and further elaborated that students with a verified disability are allowed to take a smaller unit load if recommended by their DSPS counselor

### **CTE presentation from David Tieu**

#### CTE Presentation by David Tieu

- CTE is often associated with vocational programs at Mt. Sac
- David shared with the group that the EOPS website now offers information on CTE programs and resources for students and encouraged the group to check it out
- David also highlighted that the EOPS website now includes a CTE student testimonial and links for Advisory members to conveniently find Mt. SAC CTE Certificates and Associates Degree offerings as suggested by last year’s Advisory board members to better assist their students.
- David also shared information on the various CTE programs here at the college for example, agriculture, animal science, Registered Vet. Tech, aircraft maintenance, air traffic controller, radiologic technology, nursing, etc.
- Tony mentioned that different community colleges offer various programs based on the needs of the community
- Gale asked if certificate programs could be applied to degree programs and the answer is yes
- David encouraged the group to contact him with any Mt. SAC CTE related questions and for referrals to CTE Faculty
- David provided a recent update on the latest “Degrees and Certificates Earned by CTE counseled students” from the Perkins Researcher. The report indicates that 33 CTE counseled students received an award (certificates and/or A.A. or A.S.) and the number of total awards earned by students is 55 during the winter through spring 2014 semesters alone.
- Students receive comprehensive services with David’s assistance such as educational planning, and providing career information resources to CTE students.
- Advisory Board members were asked to vote regarding the continuing funding for the CTE counselor position and all of the EOPS and all Advisory Board members agreed

## Student Testimonials

- Sectino Bradley shared his experiences at Mt. Sac as an EOPS student and Foster Youth Peer Advisor. He encourages the students he works with to utilize the campus resources. This is Tino's last semester at Mt. Sac and will be transferring to UC Santa Barbara in the fall.
- Lee Jones shared his experiences as a first year college student. EOPS has helped him in many ways and has worked to guide him. It feels good to know that you have a support system and the EOPS staff members are like family.
- Irene shared that this is the first time that we have hired foster youth peer advisors and they have really connected with each other. Thus far, the foster youth peer advisors have done outreach for Cash for College, Senior's Day, and have attended conferences.
- Tony shared that both peer advisors mentioned the importance of tutoring and that is important that we continue collaborating with Bailey and the LAC. Huu has been doing wonders with his students and the data backs it up.
- Laura mentioned that Dreamers are not eligible for EOPS and this past semester EOPS brought in about 100 Dreamers. There is a scholarship available for Dreamer called the US Dream Scholarship, more information to follow. The scholarship is a national scholarship that is worth about \$20,000 and only select schools were invited to participate. Elmer Rodriguez is the contact person for Dreamers.
- Connie asked a question about information about concurrent enrollment. Tony clarified that one campus is a home campus and documents need to be completed with admissions and financial aid.

## Open Discussion

- Omar thanked Irene for the invitation to the Advisory Board Meeting. Omar invited the members to attend a Town Hall Meeting at Pasadena City College on May 9<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Carol Liu's office. Transportation will be provided for students, please see Omar for additional information.
- Maria Angelica shared that she is available to do outreach presentations and they have accepted 33 students from Mt. Sac. Renaissance Scholars is a student support program that assists foster youth. EOP has tutorial support, academic advising and grants. They also offer Financial Literacy workshops throughout the year.
- Connie shared that on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Walt Disney Concert Hall foster youth will be receiving scholarships and invited everyone to attend. To view an invitation please visit: [www.llponline.org](http://www.llponline.org)

**Spring 2015 Advisory Board Meeting date set for April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm tentatively**