



## Fall 2019 EOPS/CARE Advisory Committee Meeting

11.19.19

8:30 am – 10:30 am

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. **Members present:** Heidi Lockhart, Aura Lopez, James Padian, Jeze Lopez, Renu Katoch, Clarence Banks, Dario Fernandez, Katalin Gyurindak, Maria Angelica Ruiz, Thavery Lay, Ramon Muniz, Michelle Meza, Terrie Alvarez, Tesla Parrales, Huu Bui, Maria Hernandez Figueroa, Tina Robinson, Evelyn Johnson, Eric Lara, Koji Uesugi, Aida Cuevas, Kaitlyn Yrineo, Natalie Paredes and Julie Marquez.
  
- II. EOPS/CARE Updates
  - a. Numbers
    - i. Julie shared the attached report of student numbers. She also discussed the program can only grow gradually because of space limitations. One of the greatest challenges in serving more students is that the program only has 4 offices for counselors and one cubicle. (Flyer of EOPS number and allocation is attached)
  - b. State Chancellor's Update (from last meeting)
    - i. Julie shared that the Mt. SAC President and Faculty passed an emergency resolution. She also shared that Dr. Uesugi (Dean of Student Services), Natalie Paredes (EOPS Counselor) and a few students went up north to speak to the Board of Governors about the changes that were being suggested. Julie shared that she believes that the advocacy resulted in the State Chancellor's Office not making changes to the EOPS Implementing Guidelines.
  - c. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
    - i. Mt. SAC's EOPS program held a week-long of events to commemorate EOPS' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (Flyer of events is attached)
  
- III. EOPS/CARE Policies & Procedures Manual
  - a. Suggestions
    - i. Aida suggested that EOPS clarify that once students establish residency they can apply for EOPS. She brought up the fact that Athletes may be confused about their eligibility since they may come from out of state.

- ii. Eric suggested that we clarify the section on financial aid since it can be confusing and misleading. The way it is written makes it seem as though students don't have to complete the FAFSA.
- iii. Suggestion to keep language consistent and decide whether we are going to use the word "term" or "semester."
- iv. Eric suggested that we clarify the requirement of 3 counseling contacts. (Julie reviewed it later and found that it was a typo on the manual. The Mutual Responsibility Contract (MRC) that students signed stated that they are required to complete 3 contacts.)
- v. Thavery suggested that we change our language from contract to agreement since we cannot have students sign contract. Julie agreed to look into this issue with legal counsel.

#### IV. Community/Campus Partner Feedback & Updates

- i. Single Parents Arise: Evelyn stated that they are having a holiday party and looking for families to be invited.
- ii. EOPS Reps: Concerns about the various deadlines were addressed by Thavery and Ramon. They stated that we have to be very careful and pay attention to when EOP recommendations are due since there are different deadlines for different campuses. They stressed the importance of submitting letter of recommendation even if they were late.
- iii. Other suggestions:
  - 1. Add a color sheet to the files so that counselors can know if a student is in good standing or needs a little more motivation.
  - 2. Provide EOPS students with a list of questions they can/should ask their EOPS Counselors. This may help students who don't know what to ask or what to expect from a counseling session.