

## STUDENT SUCCESS TASK FORCE

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### MINUTES

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SAC East 225

#### 1. Subcommittee Reports

##### Best Practices and Tool Kits for Faculty

- Subcommittee name change to “Faculty Committee on Student Success”.

This group is very active – meets twice a month. There 26 on the committee and there are seven interdisciplinary teams; lots of collaboration. The seven interdisciplinary teams are part of one of the committee projects: The Faculty Consultation Network.

- The entire group will have a follow-up meeting in May to plan for innovations for fall.
- Faculty have been visiting classes in other disciplines; interesting to see their students in different learning environments, teaching methods.
- More interest/enthusiasm than ever in teaching. The mini-conference flex activity promoted conversations and there will be an encore Tasty Bites.
- Resources are needed.
- Next subcommittee meeting topics:
  - Professional Development
  - Acceleration, especially for basic skills
  - Marketing outreach and transition for area high schools
  - Clarifying pathways – support for students to navigate through their college programs
- Subcommittee reporting out is not as efficient as coming together to make decisions and collaborate; suggest reporting via email or Google docs and take actions at meeting.
- Many students are lost after they start college.
- Pick an issue, discuss, problem solve together, make recommendations.
- Get the tools out to other faculty.
- How to close the gap between great and not-so-great instructors and how to bring in instructors who don’t realize they are underperforming?
- Use the Strategic Plan to request resources.
- Organize large, codified groups to make recommendations and ask for resources.
- Include non-faculty in discussions and trainings since staff need teaching skills as well.

### Learning Communities/Cohorts/Basic Skills

- Committee meets monthly.
- Piloting an opt-out program for those who come late to go to a learning community.
- Collaboration through assessment and orientation; assessment time is extended to include a post-assessment orientation (immediately following assessment) specific to learning communities.
- PRO has data on every student who has taken a basic skills class; how effective have we been? Terrence is merging several data streams.
- Student Equity Plan: closing the achievement gap.

### K-12/Cabrillo Course Alignment/Common Core

- S4C structure is in transition for a more flexible model.
- Opportunities for K-12 beyond S4C.

### Cost Analysis Per Successful Student Analysis

No report.

### Distance Learning/MOOCs

- Cyber sessions (17 sections) have high enrollment and 8 sections have full waitlists (SROS): 4200 total OL enrollments to date (Enrollment Tracker).
- New online degrees and certificates; online grid shows requirements and when courses will be offered.
- Discussion about how best to communicate with students. Data shows email and face-to-face methods are preferred. Texting costs students money.

### Enrollment Management

- Deans and program chairs have been involved; faculty and program chairs will be invited to an enrollment management training at CPC.
- Outreach and recruitment meetings have discussed high school recruitment strategies; recommendations will be taken to Cabinet.
- “Right-sizing” departments/divisions – Faculty Senate will discuss another term for this; different responses to CTE versus transfer level classes, FTE, and “return on investment” were discussed.
- To grow enrollment: encourage full-time enrollment or more units; understand why students leave; retain remedial students; focus on underprepared students for transfer level courses; incentivize early English and math classes; evaluate our assessment tests; identify underprepared students and suggest support programs.
- Prepare for the end of Prop 30 in five years; college must be fiscally sound; identify important pieces and have the structure to sustain them.
- Schedule where the demand is.

### Acceleration

- Group has met three of their scheduled five times; fifth meeting will identify formal status and recommendations.
- The definition of acceleration and the strategies are on the Google site.
- Suggestions:
  - Shorten sequences from two through five classes for transfer to one pre-transfer level class that leads into a transfer level class; entry support – the more successful students are early on, the more successful they will be at the next level.
  - Encourage students to study for their placement test so they are prepared and don't under-place.
  - Offer shorter, intensive classes so students can complete two courses in one semester.
  - Better high school alignment/articulation to avoid high school class repetition.
  - Adult education to help with basic literacy skills.
  - Google sheet to list the benefits and concerns of various strategies.
  - Resource costs (startup and ongoing).
- Next meeting: findings to date and directions where to go; from exploratory communication to implementation communication.

## **2. Draft Template for Funding Requests**

The draft template will be taken to Faculty Senate for input. Instead of including the Core Four, the Strategic Plan and Student Success initiative should be referenced.