

Student Services Council
October 28, 2010
Child Development Center Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Betsy Regalado, Michael Goltermann, Shalamon Duke, Sherron Rouzan, Glenn Schenk, Maria Mancia, Angel Viramontes, Alma Narez-Acosta

Start: 10:10 a.m.

Guest: Mark Pracher and Kathy Walton, Soliciting Grant Ideas. Mark and Kathy solicited the group for Grant ideas. We want ideas that you have in order to seek funding which involves establishing partnerships. Partners for everyday projects school wide focusing on different methods students learn. Kathy – suggested that we think outside the box in order to look at different levels of sustaining the program once funding leaves. Mark's example was the Gates Foundation Grant to improve Student Success with the use of flash cards and video technology at Drexel and several east coast schools. However, we have been approached by the Community Colleges in Maryland and Tennessee to split the Gate Keeper courses and each school would work on one class and share ideas. We must design a program for people who have been out of school for a long time, what do they need to complete their degree or certification. Doing things in virtual time especially outreach and taking iPods and putting academic information in block of time minutes is essential. Celena asked about software for networking in order to push information out to students through automated systems to their cell phones. A d a system to create a constant message to students is essential. VP Regalado stated that the new SIS is suppose to have that feature to push out messages to students, however the system is 3 to 4 years out. The problem we have is expansion of our online services.

We can do something with difference populations and groups, 13 to 80 years old, but those who have been out of school a while need extra help and support to help them feel they fit in. So if we can keep in that framework we could find money for those types of projects. Pracher will coordinate with Counselor Jones and Chair Rouzan to share ideas from the UCI/UCLA Partnership. Pracher stated the Dept of Labor has specific grants coming out with Cerritos, etc., centered on aerospace Lockheed, Boeing etc. to provide job training in the aerospace industry with Community Colleges leading the charge offering degrees/certificates.

The Center for Urban Education at USC has a summer training program in July and they have school s send a team of people with a suggested composition to learn effective techniques. Walton suggested thinking in terms of support not supplanting, funder like to see that we are working with partnerships, corporations, collaboration. We must show that we make the project stronger, leading into changes that will promote the project and continue after funds leaves. There is a need to collect info and data to expose student to greater opportunities by showing long term outcomes. We have a pot of money for prominently black student for one year. Duke expressed the need to expand our online services and bring Eric Ichon into the discussion. Under Title 5 we can recruit students in the high schools, but you can only talk to the parents and teachers. There are a lot of avenues to get around the restrictions, but we need to look at other opportunities that we

have not pursued as a school. Completion by Design (Gates/Oprah) grant is being pursued however we must partner with Los Rios. We must until the proposal comes in our district being a weak competitor however we will get some money out of it. Goltermann suggested a clicker technology used by Arizona State which takes attendance allowing the instructor to engage in the classroom. It is cheap, quick, easily accessible and effective. Students buy one and use in all classes. Regalado asked, "What are you currently working on in order for us to have concepts for partnering?" Pracher revealed a career in technology working with iphones targeting English, Math, Social Sciences and 14 disciplines. There's a real interest in funding supporting students coming into Community Colleges from High School. We need to think along those lines and when the dollars come we are ready to fit into the puzzle to get the money. Music and Art is another area that will have funding. We have noticed that the needs are great for female veterans and their families. Oprah hosted a segment on female veterans homelessness and it was apparent that the resources for males was more dominant than there females counterparts. They are not all prepared to sit in a classroom, some live in facilities, plagued with domestic violence issues, children displaced during deployment, legal services are needed. There must be some federal money for this. Pasadena Community College maybe a pilot to examine. Pracher will reach out to the investigate this need through the Veterans office in Culver City. We will look into the veteran's administration and graduate schools since they train social workers and counselor through internships. Rouzan will get information on LMU's yellow ribbon school projects. They have the characteristic to be successful and they need a place to be success but the mental health needs are great as well. Walton will email a log for each department to complete for Spring planning.

Welcome: Dr. Shalamon Duke, Dean of Student Support Services, responsible for DSP&S, EOP&S and Student Discipline.

CSSO Report

LACCD Student Services Issues

- **Status update on the new SIS system** - RFP was pulled and all vendors came out unresponsive so no proposal was accepted. The District rewrote RFP and SunGard are the only two out of the four submissions with experience with Community Colleges. At Friday's Bond meeting the District allowed the new SIS funding to remain in place.
- **Winter intersession** offered at five LACCD colleges: City, East, Pierce, Trade and Valley College; outside college such as SMC will have a Winter session.
- **State Budget Update** the 35 million back fill was vetoed, only growth money at 2.21%; and .21% for basic skills. Look out for "Divided We Fail" and "Divided We Fail in LA" a statewide report by Nancy Schumack to hit the media. Funding available through a new committee under Student Services/Basic Skills. The Friday teleconference revealed that EOPS is facing a 5% cut and two more colleges added sharing same funding pushing cut to 45% ; EOPS and CalWorks merged at the State level and Betsy is still fighting the battle with our campus to do the same.