



Transitions Workgroup

Meeting Summary

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: **April 30, 2018**

Starting Time: **1:00 pm**

Ending Time: **3:00 pm**

Place: **AA-140**

Workgroup Chairs: Suzanne Sebring & Olga Diaz

Recorder: Christie Sifferman

Attendees: Martin Leyva, Rebecca Cardenas, Claudia Pastrana, Chelsea Kott, Mark DiMaggio, Jim Fent, Susan Miller, Lisa Romain (phone-in), Izabel Solis

Meeting began with introductions.

Suzanne met with Jack Kahn and Adrian Gonzales to discuss the structure of the workgroup. It was decided that it made sense to have two co-chairs, one representing Instruction and one representing Student Services.

Subcommittee Check-Ins

Budget/Donations: Account is established through the Foundation. We are looking at getting out there in the community to seek donations to help with the program. The funding for this coming summer's program is one-time. If we are to fund through Equity in the future, the Board has to identify this population as a disproportionately impacted group. Martin asked if we captured entry and exit data for the summer transitions students if it would help with getting these students identified as a DI group. We are good for this summer. Current budget for field trips is \$10,000.00. Izabel will be sending a schedule of field trips to Olga to arrange for transportation for the trips (busses).

Recruiting: Many students are interested, not many have enrolled yet. There was a hiccup with the permission codes. Doesn't think we're going to have a hard time filling up. Flyer has gone out to the printer. Olga should be receiving the first draft this week.

Friday Activities: Discussed option to head up to Museum of Tolerance earlier and have lunch at a Jewish deli prior to the tour. Drawback would be rush-hour traffic in downtown L.A. on a Friday. Not getting home until very late. Possible problems with sober living/transitional living curfews and parole/probation officer coordination. Group decided to keep original start time at 11:00am and order lunch for pick-up to eat after the tour on the ride home. Mark DiMaggio discussed zip-lining and BBQ at Pala Valley. Jim Fent mentioned a ropes course that one of our PT faculty works at that he can ask about prices and availability.

Curriculum: Joe and Susan are very excited. They have some "Just Mercy" books they're setting aside for the students. Working on arranging an undocumented panel of students to talk about their transition from HS to college. More flexibility to arrange for presentations during the COUN 110 class, as that type of thing is written into the curriculum. Suzanne has a lead on a possible presenter for video production internships (Richard Crawford from One Productions, www.oneproductionsweb.com).

Mentors/Peer Counseling: Been referring possible mentors over to Martin. Lawrence Morris is a good candidate. Lives at Amity, did 26 years in prison. Seems like he really understands the hardships these students may be facing. Gregory, another great candidate, has unfortunately already taken COUN 110. Need to find a way for him to participate in the program without enrolling into the COUN 110. Possibly get this student into a cooperative education internship so they can serve as a TA/peer mentor during class time and get college credit. Would like to have one man and one woman serve as mentors.

Campus Trainings/Professional Development: Last PD offering we had was JCCS to talk to faculty about service learning opportunities for our students. Our student would serve as mentors for the JCCS students. Looking into concurrent enrollment options for the JCCS students.

Suzanne gave the Workgroup an update on the VDF SOC 100 class. Things are going very well and she is really enjoying the experience. Looking for another class for Mary-Ellen Brooks to teach. She can teach all SOC (minus 205) classes and some ANTH classes. Susan Miller has another faculty member who is interested in teaching (Barbara McCune) in either VDF or transitions.

Izabel gave a review of the conference she and others from Palomar went to. It was a great experience. Martin was one of the panelists. Some of us are concerned about how to fund this program in the future, and the conference provided ideas on ways to fund future years of the program. Got ideas on how other colleges are sustaining their programs.

Rebecca (SDSO) has updated the clearance process document and added questions to the Frequently Asked Questions list to help new instructors as they start the process. She'll be sending them to Suzanne by 5/1.