

Faculty Senate Student Equity Committee

Spring 2012

Date: May 24, 2012
Time: 1:00-2:00pm
Location: 1415 Social Science Conference Room

Committee Members:

Chris Lamm, Faculty Senate Student Equity Committee Chair; Faculty/Social Science Division: Child Development & Educational Studies Dept.

_____, Faculty/Natural Sciences Division (**need replacement**)

Adela López, Faculty/Social Science Division: Ethnic Studies Department

Carolyn Facer, Faculty/Mathematics & Computer Sciences Division: Math Dept.

Jose Miranda, Faculty/Technology & Engineering Division: Automotive Dept.

Rosalinda Ruiz, Faculty/Humanities Division: English

Annie Liu will be on committee Spring Semester representing Humanities

_____, Counseling/Matriculation (**need replacement**)

Pilar Ellis, Manager of the International Student Center

Mark Greenhalgh, Dean of Mathematics & Computer Science Division

Chuck Helms, Classified Representative/Skills Center

Janine Cirrito, Career Center Coordinator, Career & Life Planning Center

Amber Nguyen, A.S. Representative

Manuel Burciaga, Student Representative

Carolyn Flores, Student Representative Pre-Law Organization

Alex Reyes, Student Representative

Resource People: Rajen Vurdien, Ann Hovey, Toni DuBois, Terry Giugni, Michael Perez, Maria Duque, Chris Sanchez, Paul McKinley

Present: Chuck Helms, Mark Greenhalgh, Pilar Ellis, Annie Liu, Janine Cirrito, Chris Lamm, Adela Lopez

Guests: Greg Ryan, Director of Financial Aid

Today's Meeting Agenda

• **Open Discussion** on the issues related to the new federal regulations on financial aid for our students & how we can support students and the Financial Aid Office to best serve our students. Greg Ryan will be joining us for this discussion.

Meeting Note - Amended

Discussion with Greg Ryan:

Changes to financial aid as of July 1, 2012:

- **Maximum pell grant (life time limit) now 12 full time semesters instead of 18. No grandfathering clause & unable to appeal.**
- **Only able to receive financial aid with either a high school diploma or GED (no longer accepting ATB testing or 6 unit rule) *UNLESS PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT***

- No more 6 month interest free grace period for subsidized Stafford loans, on loans disbursed on or after 7/1/12.
- Enrollment fees increase to \$46/unit effective this summer (BOGG will continue to waive the fee)
- Loan interest rates going up: 6.8% for subsidized and 8.25% for unsubsidized. (On new loans on or after 7/1/12).
- Financial Aid offers FAFSA Labs & Workshops. Available to all students. We encourage students to attend.

2011-2012 Academic Year Satisfactory Academic Progress: "Working Together for Student Success"

New for 2011/2012: Effective July 1st, 2011, new federal regulations go into effect that will significantly change the SAP Policy. All students must meet the new SAP beginning on that date. Among the changes are the removal of Probation 1 and Probation 2 from the SAP calculation. There are no exceptions to these new regulations.

- The financial aid office reviews academic progress each semester for Fullerton College (which includes attempted units at Cypress College) All attempted units are counted, irrespective of whether or not financial aid was received. We count all Incompletes (I'), Withdrawals (W's), Credit/No Credit, Pass/No Pass and all repeated coursework.

- *Academic Renewal is not recognized for financial aid purposes, and is always counted in units attempted, GPA calculation, and maximum time frame, even when a more favorable grade was subsequently received, both attempts would be counted.*

- We will pay for failed courses and count the units in SAP, up to the maximum allowed by the College. Once a student passes a course, however, we will only pay for one subsequent attempt. Both attempts, even if aid was not received, will count in the SAP calculation.

- If a student transfers in coursework from other institutions, we will count all attempted units accepted in the SAP calculation, for both progress and maximum time frame. Any student who contests units as not degree applicable, would need to follow the maximum time frame petition process.

- When a student is not meeting SAP, Fullerton College will offer 1 semester (maximum) of financial aid warning before aid is disqualified, for progress. There is no financial aid warning for maximum time frame.

Financial Aid Warning: Students who fail to complete SAP standards for progress (indicated above) will be placed on Financial Aid Warning. This is a warning to students and will not affect their financial aid. If, while on Financial Aid Warning, students fail to meet the SAP standards for the second time they will be placed on Disqualified status and all aid for the term will be cancelled. (With the exception of the BOG Fee Waiver).

Attempted Maximum Time Frame: (generally 90 units or more for most AA/AS programs, but may be less): Students who have attempted 90 units (the maximum time frame limit of 150%) or more, are required to petition each semester/school year to receive financial aid. Individual certificate programs have their own maximum time frame. To identify the maximum time frame, 100% of units required are taken plus an additional 50%. For example, a 30 unit certificate program has a maximum time frame of 45 units. *It is critical that students take the correct classes required for*

their degree, as even passing one's classes with a high GA, does not ensure the student will be able to graduate within the 150% maximum time frame. Taking courses not required for one's degree, may result in the student being cut off from receiving future financial aid.

Important Information: If at any point in time it is determined that the student cannot complete their course of study within the 150% timeframe (90 units for AA/AS, other certificate programs will vary), they will be immediately disqualified from future financial aid (with the exception of the BOG Fee Waiver), for the remainder of their program, even if currently meeting the SAP standards.

Remedial and ESL Courses: Financial aid may be received for remedial (basic skills) courses if the remedial courses are a prerequisite for entrance into a regular college program. Aid cannot be received for more than 30 attempted units of remedial coursework. ESL coursework must be part of an eligible program of study to receive financial aid. ESL coursework will count toward the 2.0 GPA and 75% units completion requirements (Sap Standard). However, ESL units will not count towards the maximum time frame limit and a maximum of 30 attempted remedial units will be subtracted from the total; when maximum time frame units are being counted.

Remaining Eligibility: Students who are DISQUALIFIED from receiving aid can regain their eligibility by meeting the SAP standards which would be to complete the required 75% of the attempted units and raise the cumulative GPA to at least 2.0, and be under the maximum time frame for their program.

Eligibility

To become eligible to receive financial aid at Fullerton College, student must: Submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Department of Education (DOE) to establish eligibility; complete a Financial Aid File, and adhere to the following requirements:

1. Enroll in an eligible program for the purpose of completing an Associate Degree, an eligible certificate program or transfer requirements.
2. Maintain a Fullerton College cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
3. Complete 75% of the total number of units attempted cumulatively at Fullerton College, irrespective of if aid was received.
4. Complete an educational program within the maximum timeframe (150%) of the published program's required units at Fullerton College.

There is also Financial Aid Disqualification and Appeal Process information available on the Financial Aid Office website within this document.

State/Federal Changes:

1. BOG Fee Waiver - possible changes
2. Cal Grant Program - proposing more changes
3. Hugh fed. Cuts in Jan. 2013

Support:

1. Counseling becomes more critical.
2. One location, easily accessible
3. Transform the Financial Aid area. It is cramped, claustrophobic, uninviting, giving the wrong message simply by looking at the space allotted and upkeep of facility. It reminds

one of a 1930's Welfare Office rather than an integral part of Fullerton College and our commitment for Student Success. **see below

4. Need Electronic Education Plan: Electronic Degree Work plus Long Term Education Plan and Life Plan.
5. Need to have a sheet for Faculty for giving Advice to students.
6. We are their last lifetime and we shut them out.

** Chris and Adela walked over to the Financial Aid Office with Greg after the meeting to look closely at the space. The following are Chris's observations:

Recommendation:

1. Greg talk with the staff regarding use of space this week prior to our recommendation.
2. The Financial Aid Office area that over the west side of the 100 building. That includes the space they are using now and Rooms 117 and 119.
3. Remove the desks, partitions etc. in the present space that takes up the center of the room.
4. Make all the three offices, single office space. One is divided now into two areas.
5. Close the south entrance to the hall and make the entrance from the north side only. This will aid in securing the space.
6. Closing off Room 117 and 119 as classroom space will also make it secure. Presently the south and north doors are open and accessible and the electronic monitor has been stolen.
7. Remodel Rooms 117 and 119 for a gathering area to wait for face-to-face advisement. To check the electronic monitor for next available technician.
8. Have the desks, etc. from the middle of the present location moved to the 117/119 remodel. This will provide more privacy in advisement.
9. Have the Financial Aid workshops be scheduled for the 117/119 remodeled space.
10. Hallway. Remodel it to match the hallway on the other entry of the 100 building.
11. Remove the acoustic walls and ceiling panels. Paint showcasing the architecture, return the flooring to the original tile floors.
12. Clean and service the bathrooms.

Information Items:

1. A.S. Student Interest Survey Results, Spring 2012;
2. Exercise in Adela and Chris's Anti-bias Perspective Seminar regarding Creating An Anti-bias Learning Community as a College Student.

Announcements:

- FC Food Bank Collaborative - Food Pantry Open: T/W: 12-2pm and 4-6pm in building 1955 through May. Summer hours: Wednesdays during Summer School - 1:30-3:30pm. Eligible: Students enrolled in Summer Session and/or 2012 Fall Semester. Summer Contacts: Bob Miranda (992-7090/Room 2020-04) or Chris Kiger (992-7094/Room 1204). [There is a chance that Tuesday afternoon during summer session will also have some open hours. Other faculty have volunteered their time].