

Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 14, 2017 1:00-2:30 p.m. / Room 229

Committee members present: **Faculty:** Mary Bogan (co-chair), Cristina Arellano-Duenas, Megan Debin, Annie Bianchino, Perry Webster, Amber Gonzalez, Sylvia Pimentel; **Managers:** Mark Greenhalgh (co-chair) Jennifer LaBounty; **Classified:** Rabia Khan, Dolores Cornejo; **Students:** Patrice Sisante, Michael Marnell

Resource members present: **DSS:** Ruth Sipple; **Equity:** Deb Perkins; **LLRISPS:** Michelle Garcia; **OIRP:** Carlos Ayon, Megan Sirna Tagley; **Veterans Resource Center:** Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez,

Guests: Allison Upstill (Counseling Intern)

- I. Subcommittee to read, review, and recommend proposals
 - a. There was further discussion about an idea raised at the last meeting about a possible subcommittee to review proposals.
 - b. There was discussion in order to further clarify who could serve on the subcommittee especially if there was an equity funded project in the same office but the person was not directly involved.
 - i. If needed, faculty could be recommended by Faculty Senate or by the President.
 - c. There were questions for clarification about the proposal form.
 - i. Mark, Mary, and Deb met with Greg and the VPs before sending out the proposal. One recommendation was to add the number of students to close the gap. Megan added this information and provided an explanation to the committee.
- II. Budget update (moved up in agenda)
 - a. Programs are finalizing spending on 2016-2017 funds.
 - b. There is an opportunity to request additional funds from the state.
 - i. There was a question about whether we should allow individuals running programs to request additional funds. In the past, we have received \$300,000 in reallocated funds from the State Chancellor's Office so we don't want to miss an opportunity. However, since we are going through the proposal process, we don't want to overwhelm anyone.
 - ii. There was a recommendation to submit a request that is more generally focused. That way funds could be allocated once funding decisions for spring are finalized.
 - c. 2017-2018 allocation

- i. We have received an estimated allocation for our district but do not know our actual allocation yet. There may be adjustments based on the FTES total from 2016-2017.
- d. There was a recommendation to move the Veterans Resource Center to Tier A.
 - i. This program was previously put in tier B because Veterans were not found to be a disproportionately impacted group. However, based on further examination of the data, they were found to be disproportionately impacted in at least one indicator.
 - ii. The committee members agreed to move veterans back to tier A.

III. Additional discussion

- a. There was a question about access codes (specifically for athletes) and whether there could be a proposal to address this need.
 - i. There was discussion about whether funds could be allocated through the Office of Student Equity (Orange Coast College has a similar program) or if students should be referred to other programs.
 - ii. There was also discussion about how required course materials such as access codes and textbooks are communicated. Many students struggle to be able to afford the cost of an access code and are not aware of this cost when registering for the class. Unlike a textbook which could be checked out from the library, the access codes only allow one user and many expire so if a student drops a class, he or she may need to purchase a new one.

IV. Integrated Plan

- a. Time was given to review and give feedback on the first draft of the integrated plan.