

## Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 8, 2018 1:00-2:30 p.m. / Room 313

**Committee members present:** **Faculty:** Kathy Standen, Cristina Arellano-Duenas, Mary Bogan (co-chair), Annie Bianchino, Amber Gonzalez, Cynthia Guardado, Sylvia Pimentel; **Managers:** Mark Greenhalgh (co-chair), Jennifer LaBounty; **Classified:** Dolores Cornejo; Rabia Khan; **Students:** Michael Marnell, Patrice Sistante

**Resource members present:** **DSS:** Ruth Sipple; **Equity:** Deb Perkins; **LLRISP:** Michelle Garcia; **OIRP:** Megan Sirna Tagley; **Transfer:** Cecilia Arriaza; **Student Support Services:** Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez; **Veterans:** Scott Thompson; **VPSS:** Gil Contreras; **Umoja:** Antonio Banks

**Guests:** Greg Schulz

- I. 2017-2019 Proposal Recommendations
  - a. President Schulz provided an update on the Student Equity recommendation from the fall semester. The President's staff has identified some resources other than equity (both campus and district one-time funds) that can be used to support programs not recommended for equity funding.
    - i. There was some discussion about the process of moving forward and whether there needs to be formal approval of the recommendation from Faculty Senate. While there is a presentation to Faculty Senate planned for next week, the agenda does not include a vote to approve the Student Equity Committee proposal recommendations.
      1. Mary mentioned that she intends on including questions about receiving more guidance and feedback from Faculty Senate as part of the presentation.
    - ii. There was also an update on the SERP (retirement incentive). We will need to continue to monitor the impact of that before moving forward with any of the new recommended positions.
- II. Response and upcoming presentation to Faculty Senate
  - a. A written response to the public comments related to the Student Equity Committee's proposal process was sent to Faculty Senate. There will be a brief presentation given at next week's Faculty Senate meeting. There will also be a presentation to PAC.
    - i. The presentation will provide a history of student equity (both from the state and on our campus) and an overview about the decision process used each year.

- ii. The SEC members will have an opportunity to review the presentation and provide feedback prior to the presentation.
    - iii. Following the Faculty Senate presentation, the power point will be available on the Student Equity website.
    - iv. There was discussion about how the proposal process may change in the future including having all committee members review proposals but not comment on their own.
  - b. There was discussion about how often updates and presentations should be given to Faculty Senate. There was a recommendation to be proactive and give updates even though specific expectations from Faculty Senate have not been set.
- III. Update on committee membership and faculty co-chair for spring
  - a. Mary was scheduled to have a class conflict for this semester but the class was cancelled so she will remain as faculty co-chair for this semester. There is an opportunity to identify a new faculty co-chair for next year so those who are interested should put forward their names.
  - b. There was discussion about planning for next year's committee membership. Faculty should think about whether they want to be on the committee again and take the meeting schedule into consideration. Almost all of the faculty terms are ending but there will be an attempt to stagger the terms going forward.
- IV. State updates
  - a. Deb provided an update about the mid-year expenditure report. Although we applied for an additional \$200,000 of funds, there is no money available for reallocation.
  - b. Mark provided an update on the integrated plan. The plan was approved by the Board of Trustees in December and submitted to the state in January.
  - c. There was an update about the state budget which calls for a plan for the governor to consider consolidating categorical funding; however, no specific categoricals were named. We will continue to monitor this and provide updates.
  - d. Deb provided updates on some of the recently passed assembly bills related to Student Equity.
    - i. There was a comment that our committee should provide a statement to our Chancellor about our positions related to some of these changes so that message can be taken to Sacramento.
    - ii. There was a question about the bill requiring showers be provided for homeless students. Deb will work to find out more information related to how our campus is responding to that.
    - iii. There was discussion about the need for a Student Equity handbook. There may be a need for both an electronic resource guide and a printed

guide. This could include resources on and off campus as well as individuals to contact for assistance.

- e. There was discussion about the one-time funds to support a Hunger Free Campus. In addition to small amounts of food available in division offices, the main purpose of the funding is to look for longer term solutions such as training for CalFresh and establishing community connections. There has already been progress made on establishing a connection with Second Harvest. Our campus received approximately \$40,000 for 1 ½ years.
- f. Patrice mentioned that Associated Students has funds for emergency services for students. These funds can be used for things such as gas cards, bus passes, and grocery cards. They also have a free bike to give away to someone in need. Students need to be enrolled in 5 units and schedule an appointment in the AS Office to receive assistance.

#### V. Data collection

- a. Deb and Megan provided an update on the data collection process. Individuals with equity-funded projects are being asked to report on participants and activities from summer 2016-fall 2017.
- b. A&R is continuing to code students in Banner so eventually it will be easier to pull participant lists.
- c. We are still waiting on a new web based version of Tableau to roll out across the district.

#### VI. Announcements and upcoming events

- a. There was an announcement about Major Declaration Day on March 7. Personalized invitations will be sent out to students who have a certain number of units but no declared major.
- b. There was an announcement about the Empowering Women of Color conference. Applications need to be submitted by Feb. 16. Information about additional Ethnic Studies events will be sent by email.