

ADVISING LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING NOTES

Monday, May 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Present: Luis Vega, Anayeli Gomez-Navarro, Belen Mendiola, Janine Cornelison, Karen Ziegler-Lopez, Karlo Lopez, Liora Gubkin, Lisa Zuzarte, Melisa Medina-Cruz, Deisy Mascarinas (Admin support).

Absent: Seung Bach, Ilaria Pesco, James Rodriguez

Action Items:

- L. Vega will take the addendum to the Registrar office for their opinions and suggestions on what has been proposed so far by the committee.
- M. Medina-Cruz will continue to work on getting a professional day or days for the mental health training.

Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Advising – Update from Statewide Meeting

- L. Vega shared that there have not been any meetings except the white paper that he previously shared with the committee. He also stated that it is still too early to hear any updates, and that as he previously mentioned, changes involve title five which consists of probation which many of them see as being too punitive for students. Therefore, this issue will continue to be debated in hopes of changing it into something that is seen as less punitive.
- L. Vega stated that he attended a meeting with the upper brass in the Cal state and it involved giving credit for prior learning. This comes as a result of students with military and business backgrounds feeling insulted when placed in introductory courses; therefore, our system is being encouraged to come up with ways to assess prior learning. He also stated that giving credit for prior learning is something that is currently in the works and for it to work they need to find the money to pay professors who will be helping with assessment tools. Additionally, he mentioned that this will be beneficial to students in the long run as it will save them both money and time.

Referrals to Provost Council- (see addendum last page)

- L. Vega updated the committee on the last meeting's question regarding 'who decides the catalog requirement term that a transfer student qualifies for and when, by sharing the email exchange between Ben Perlado, Veronica Bethea and himself. (See agenda)
- He also shared and went over the addendum found in the last page of the agenda. The document consists of requests from the committee to the Provost Council regarding advising and course catalogs.
- K. Ziegler-Lopez discussed the importance of having a catalog and how without one, students will suffer, and graduation rates will go down. She went on to state that without a catalog for the new academic year, advisors cannot accurately advise transfer, incoming, and previous students.
- L. Zuzarte assured the committee that she would have the catalog ready by May 24th.
- K. Ziegler-Lopez suggested that they go back to having a catalog for two-years to eliminate all the problems that having a yearly catalog has brought.
- K. Lopez stated that depending on who they ask, there will be disagreement on whether to do a catalog for two years or yearly. It was suggested we use the current catalog to ensure that the deadline for next year's catalog is met.
- L. Gubkin stated that they cannot know for sure if the yearly catalog will continue to be a problem since it has only been done for a year. Additionally, on a year that has come with many changes and unknowns.
- L. Vega made live updates to the document based on the committee members suggestions and questions. The committee agreed to have L. Vega follow up with the registrar office. Then based on suggestions and edits, to further discuss the addendum and once discussed, to forward to the Provost.

Mental Health Training Collaborative Update

- M. Medina-Cruz stated that they will not be able to have the mental health training at the beginning of the summer as they had hoped, since she has not heard back from *Kern Behavioral Health Recovery Services*.

She still thinks it would be beneficial to have the training sometime in the summer, and if the summer does not work, then early August or during winter break.

- She asked members of the committee for suggestions on when it should take place. They suggested working Friday's during the summer schedule or early August.

ALT meeting 5/31 (reschedule or not?)

- The meeting will be rescheduled sometime in summer since 5/31 is a holiday.

GE Area F in the Academic Requirements page update

L. Zuzarte shared that she reached out to the Registrar's Office regarding the Area F course; however, she has not heard back from them regarding updates to the page for the one Area F course that has been approved, which will be offered this coming fall.

Meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.