

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Regular

Please Review/Bring: Agenda will be distributed prior to meeting

Committee Members:

Riley Dwyer, Dean of LACA,

Jane Bowers, Academic Development Co-Chair / Math Faculty, AAC Chair, Wendy Rider, Academic Development Co-Chair / English Faculty, AAC Chair, Morenike Adebayo-Ige, English Faculty, Dr. Howard Davis, VPAA, Svetlana Deplazes, Instructional Researcher, James Dorn, Math Faculty, Vanessa Escobar, Research Analyst, Rosa Fuller, Counselor, Tino Garcia, English Faculty, Rosario Gonzalez, CTE Faculty, Michelle Hernandez, Associate Dean of Student Life, Rashall Hightower, Director - Student Equity, D. Scott Jenison, ESL Faculty, Tamira Palmetto Despain, OSD: Disabilities Services Specialist, Peter McLoughlin, Math Faculty, Tynisha Steans, Student Equity Program Specialist, LaDonna Trimble, Dean of Admissions and Records, Heidi Williams, Chair of English Department, English Faculty, Christos Valiotis, Dean of MSE

Items	Person	Action
I. Welcome/Announcements	Dean Dwyer W. Rider J. Bowers	 Committee members welcomed to the second meeting of the Fall 2022 semester.
II. Equity Gaps	S. Deplazes V. Escobar	 Issues Discussed: Student Equity Plan - briefly analyzed data covering five different metrics sent by the Chancellor's Office. Noted that the percentage of Black/African American students who have reached metric success fell six points from 60.7% in 16-17 to 54.2% in 19-20. Mill have further discussions to come up with strategies to better close the equity gap among these students.

III. AB 1705 Update	H. Davis	Issues Discussed:
		 Discussed successful implementation of AB 1705 at AVC, though some colleges have not implemented the law as of yet. Successful transfer level completion counts in English and Math have doubled from 18-19 to 20-21. Eliminating remedial courses has helped to increase success rates for students taking transfer level English and math courses. Follow-Up: Academic Affairs will continue to monitor data pertaining to AB 1705.
IV. Learning Center Update	W. Rider J. Garcia	 Issues Discussed: Noted that the Supplemental Instruction Program has increased from 17 supported courses to 28 supported courses. Total SI attendance has increased from 765 to more than 1,000. Noted that the tutor training program is getting stronger. Would like to offer additional embedded tutoring and hire more tutors. Noted that students enjoy being in the LC space and it has engaged students in learning and building community. Upcoming events include the Writing Party on Nov. 17 from 7-9 p.m. and Exam Cram on Nov. 28 from Noon-5 p.m. Eollow-Up: Learning Center is currently seeking and hiring tutors. Interested candidates may submit applications to the Learning Center.

V. Puente Update	T. Garcia	Issues Discussed:
		Puente Advisor Tino Garcia stated
		Puente Program facilitates six success
		factors that helps Puentistas feel
		nurtured, focused, engaged, and
		connected.
		Many Puentistas are members of
		clubs on campus, work on campus,
		and are tutors. They are very
		connected to the campus and with
		each other.
		Would like to have them be peer
		mentors after completing the
		program.
		 Cohorts have grown slightly from
		21-22 to 22-23.
		 Ahead for Puente is Puente MAS,
		which offers math and science
		courses, and possibly additional
		cohorts as well as more resources and
		FPD activities for AVC faculty.
		Follow-Up:
		Upcoming Noche de Familia event on
		Friday, Nov. 18 at Hellenic Center.
VI. Announcements	All	Issues Discussed:
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