

## GRADUATION INITIATIVE ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2019 2:00 PM ARTS 105

### MINUTES

#### *2019-2020 Priorities:*

1. *Continue to support and track effective interventions to reduce time to degree for all students.*
2. *Effectively use campus data to understand and improve student retention, engagement, and equitable academic success.*
3. *Improve advising practices to maximize coordination and the assurance that each student experiences meaningful "touchpoints" at critical milestones.*

1. Welcome
2. Announcements: Campus activities of interest
3. Review/correction of October 25, 2019 minutes (see attached draft)
4. Regular Updates (as needed)
  - a. Academic Advising Programs
    - i. Advisors directors meeting in Northridge
    - ii. Idea of allowing students to drop one class if they've registered for 15 or more units.
    - iii. They could drop with an online form at any point in the semester.
    - iv. Registrar will be going to the State Registrars' meeting to ask about how this complies with the EO related to withdrawals.
    - v. If you fail one class your first semester, it has dramatic impact on graduation.
  - b. Enrollment Management
    - i. Continuing registration runs through November 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. University Diversity Committee
  - d. HSI Initiatives
    - i. Teresita has a report on what works for Latino students in higher ed.
    - ii. She will distribute hyperlinks.
    - iii. *Excelencia* website has much more research for us to explore.
    - iv. Alliance of HIS Educators Conference is March 8-11 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
5. Data Bite: FYE program impacts: Nate Millard
  - a. Data from 2012-2017 → 83% of students participate in at least one of their programs, 34% participate in two or more programs.
  - b. Lower retention rates for students who do not participate in any FYE programs.
  - c. Retention rates also impacted by participation in REACH, EOP, and other programs.
6. Discussion: 2019 Equity Gaps (HUS, Pell, First Gen)
  - a. Equity gaps were shrinking, but appear to have grown during the last year.
    - i. URM 6-yr graduation rate gap is at 11.9, while last year it was at 7.4.
    - ii. Pell 6-yr graduation rate gap is at 12.4, while last year it was 8.8.
  - b. Jeff reports that these differences may be the result of noise when examining one year of data → Better to look at trends over 4-5 years (which indicates stability).
7. Work Group Reports/Updates

- a. Tipping Point Student Success Summit: Kate and Chela
  - a. Development of a coherent program with three tracks for each session: Equity, Resilience, Engagement
  - b. Associate Vice Chancellor James Minor
  - c. Closing session of an interactive conversation with members of Cabinet.
  - d. Plan to provide follow-up sessions during spring semester that are better suited as “Tipping Point Events,” instead of as part of the larger summit.
  - e. Daniel notes the possibility of including a course instruction day devoted to Tipping Point.
- b. Student Success Awards: Kate and Chela
  - a. Successfully pushed the budget to \$303,000, which is more than original allocation of \$240,000.
  - b. Able to fully or partially fund nearly all proposals.
  - c. List of funded projects will be posted soon.
- c. Equity-Minded Programs Initiative: Ellie and Kate
  - a. Difficulty in identifying the programs to invite.
  - b. We now have 10 programs identified, after taking into account GPA equity gaps by major in addition to specific courses with equity gaps in DFW rates.
  - c. Kate to send out invitations to programs next week to develop five FLCs from those 10 programs.
- d. Financial and Administrative Barriers: Dan
  - a. Goal was to give low-income students priority for housing with kitchens as well as housing scholarships → Some scholarship funding has been secured.
  - b. Campus Logic sends text messages or emails weekly to remind students of needed paperwork.
  - c. First-year students were encouraged to take non-high DFW rate courses during their first semester.
  - d. Patrick in the library secured funding for textbooks associated with courses that have high DFW rates.
  - e. Students will have an option of either paying the \$68 graduation fee or of having it posted to their student account (roll-out of June 2020).
  - f. Working to facilitate the completion of graduation applications through Smart Planner.
- e. Student Success Centers Alignment: Dawn
- f. Equity Action (MLA “home team”): Ellie
  - a. Working to develop an equity checklist for faculty so that they can enter into the process of trying to address an equity gap at varying levels.
    - i. Audit your class
    - ii. Find additional resources
    - iii. Participate in an FLC
- g. Faculty Engagement with Grade Data/FASP: Daniel
  - a. Daniel and Chiara presented to Chairs’ council.
  - b. Draft policy was provided to system-level legal counsel.
  - c. Discussed at EC
  - d. Suggestion to reach out to Jeff Gould (sp?) to explore options of how to use this data.
  - e. Implications for Public Records Act. Should we go forward with this dashboard, this data could potentially be released.
  - f. Provost has asked for IR to continue working on the dashboard.
- h. Second Year Retention Pilot: Darin
  - a. Draft syllabus for spring academic probation is complete.

- b. Please send Darin any feedback you have on this syllabus/schedule for this course.
    - i. Transfer Support Program development: Kate
- 8. Updates from other initiatives
  - a. Chico State 360 Advising in the Colleges Initiative (Kaitlyn and Kate)
    - i. Faculty advisor team is formed and hiring of student success professionals has started.
  - b. FDEV FLCs (Josh)
  - c. MLA “away team” (project TBD, first meeting November 14-16)
  - d. IR campus Data reporting (2-pagers, “Did you know,” etc.) (Tom)
  - e. Student Success Analytics (Daniel, Jeff, Debbie, Tom plus additional non-GI Team members)
- 9. Other

**Next meeting:** November 22, ARTS 105