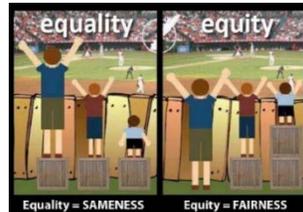


Cerritos College
The College Committee on Student Equity
Wednesday, December 14, 2016; 3:00 p.m.; LC 51

MINUTES



Members Present: Dr. Lucinda Aborn, Dean, Disabled Student Programs and Services (ACCME)
Dr. Kristi Blackburn, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning (Ex-officio)
Damon Cagnolatti, iFALCON (Faculty Representative)
Dr. Jan Connal, General Counseling (Faculty Representative)
Dr. Shelia Hill, Instructional Counseling (Faculty Representative)
Dr. Stephen Johnson, Vice President of Student Services (Co-chair)
Dr. Steven La Vigne, Disabled Student Programs and Services (Faculty Representative)
Michelle Lewellen, Faculty Senate President (Faculty Senate)
Brittany Lundeen, Co-Director, Transfer Center (Faculty Senate)
Rachel Mason, Instructional Dean of Business, Humanities and Social Sciences (ACCME)
Nishi Shah, English Department (Faculty Representative)
Yvette Tafoya, EOPS Assistant Director (Ex-officio)
Traci Ukita, Counseling Department Chair (Faculty Senate)
Danylle Williams-Manser, Program Assistant II, Project Hope (CSEA)

Members Not Present: Ali Delawalla, Acting Vice President of Business Services (Ex-officio)
Dr. Renée DeLong, Dean, Counseling (Ex-officio)
Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Vice President of Human Resources (Ex-officio)
Saul Lopez-Pulido, Student Representative (ASCC)
Rick Miranda, Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs (Co-chair)
Roxanne Mitchell, Administrative Secretary, Technology (CSEA)
Terrance Mullins, CCFE (Faculty Representative)
Karen Patron, Student Representative (ASCC)
Norma Rodriguez, Director, Student Program Services (ACCME)
Graciela Vasquez, Associate Dean of Adult Education/Diversity Programs (Ex-officio)
Dara Worrel, Math Department (Faculty Representative)

Guests: Dr. Chelena Fisher, Dr. Clara Ross-Jones, Amber Dofner, Kevin McDonald, Tatiana Gray

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

MSU (Ukita, Lewellen) to approve the Student Equity Committee minutes of October 12, 2016, as presented.

II. Student Equity Plan Reporting, Appraisal, and Continuous Improvement Action Schedule

A. Umoja Program and Umoja Historically Black College and University Student Visits – Shelia Hill

Dr. Shelia Hill, Damon Cagnolatti, Dr. Clara Ross-Jones, and Dr. Chelena Fisher reported on the Umoja Success Program activities that were funded by student equity. Dr. Hill stated that funds were used to take eight students to the 2015 Umoja XI Conference where they attended workshops and participated in other conference activities. She added that Cerritos College faculty attended the intensive Umoja Summer Learning Institute in San Diego. Training there focused on philosophy, pedagogy, theoretical foundations, and best practices based on the Umoja Community model.

Mr. Cagnolatti discussed the Journey of Hope 2016, a 2-day conference in conjunction with faculty from California State University, Fullerton. Thirty-one Cerritos College students attended and 15 completed the series. Students Kevin McDonald and Tatiana Gray spoke to the group about the benefits of attending the HOPE Program and how it helped them become stronger students.

Dr. Ross-Jones reported on the Umoja XII Conference in Los Angeles on November 4-5. There were over 750 student participants in attendance, 15 of which were from Cerritos. The Cerritos College representatives gave a presentation on the Power of Hope which discussed how the notion of hope can be integrated into student programs.

Dr. Fisher described the Umoja HBCU Tour that took 15 students on a five-day tour of historically black colleges and universities in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Many of our students applied on site to the colleges that were visited and two have been accepted to attend. Also included in the tour were visits to some of the local cultural sites.

Dr. Hill announced that on December 1, Cerritos College had its first official site visit and signed a Memorandum of Understanding that makes us an official program of the Umoja Community Education Foundation.

B. iFALCON Support Services – Damon Cagnolatti

Mr. Cagnolatti provided background on the iFALCON program which ran from 2009-2014 as a Title V HSI grant. He shared information about the rebranding of the program with a developmental approach and new services. The redeveloped program will focus on increasing velocity of transfer, AA degrees, and certificates. Some of the new activities and services include:

- Professional development teaching modules offered to faculty through CTX that will teach them how to incorporate what they are already doing into the Habits of Mind program.
- Community outreach with the Falcon Kids Program at local elementary schools and Meet Me Halfway which goes to high schools to expose students to our program.
- Integrate iFALCON into learning community classes with Umoja, Puente, EOPS, LINC, and athletics.
- Online Habits of Mind workshops that help students learn and develop skills. The workshops take about 30-40 minutes to complete.
- Apps for students to use as resources for each of the iFALCON letters (i.e., Focus, Attitude).

Dr. Blackburn suggested that budget information be included in these presentations so the committee can see how the funds are being spent and provide a better understanding of the resources that are being requested.

III. Member Reports

Dr. Blackburn reported that she recently listened to a presentation on critical race theory. She is partnering with a researcher from Long Beach City College on a qualitative action protocol to look at conversations regarding critical issues for our students through the critical race theory lens. She asked anyone in the group, or their students, who are interested in participating to contact her.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017, at 3 p.m. in LC 51.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.