



Black Student Success Workgroup Purpose and Composition

Purpose/Focus:

The Black Student Success Workgroup (BSS) was developed to address the success of Black students throughout the San Diego Community College District. The BSS aims to accomplish the following preliminary goals as of May 2021.

1. Actively work toward ensuring Black students are centered in equity discussions and work.
2. Aid institutional accountability to increase recruitment, retention, and wrap-around services for Black students.
3. Support Board of Trustees goals and initiatives at each institution as it relates to Black students.
4. 4. Provide clear data-informed recommendations to colleges to foster supportive and inclusive environments.
5. Develop long-term, tangible, and sustainable practices to continuously define and center Black student success.

Workgroup Composition

District Office:

Natalia Cordoba-Velasquez-Alarcón, Director of Institutional Research and Planning
Stephen Bass, Analyst, Research and Planning
Marc Grabiell, Analyst, Research and Planning
Krystal Henderson, Acting Dean, Educational Support Services (**Chair**)
Shelly Hess, Dean, Instructional Services
Amertah E. Perman, Dean, Career Education & Workforce Development
Andrew Menchaca, Acting Dean, Student Affairs and Outreach
Susan Topham, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services

City College:

Ahmed Aden, Counselor
Erin Charlens, Counseling Faculty, Umoja Program Coordinator (**College Representative**)
Genevieve Esguerra, Associate Dean, Placement/Outreach
Josolyn Hill, Supervisor, Admissions
Clarissa Padilla, Acting Outreach Coordinator
Marciano Perez, Vice President of Student Services
Roberto Rubalcaba, Professor, Mathematics
Nesha Savage, Dean of Student Development
Darius Spearman, Professor, Black Studies
Ebony Tyree, Professor English and Umoja Faculty



Black Student Success Workgroup Purpose and Composition

Mesa College:

Veronica Gerace, Professor, Communication Studies
Terrence Hale, Counseling Faculty, UMOJA
Katrina H. Hamilton, Mesa College SDICCCA Intern
Ashanti Hands, Vice President of Student Services
Candace Katungi, Assistant Professor, Black Studies
Larry Maxey, Dean of Student Success and Equity (**College Representative**)
Thekima Mayasa, Black Studies, Department Chair
Edeama Onwuchekwa, Librarian, Equity & Engagement
Judy Sundayo, Counseling Faculty & CDAIE Chair
Michael Temple, Counseling Faculty, Umoja Coordinator

Miramar College:

Adrian Gonzales, Vice President of Student Services
Nessa Julian, Associate Dean of Academic Success and Integrated Support Services (**College Representative**)
Truongson V. Nguyen, Associate Dean of Outreach and School Relations
Clarissa Padilla, Administrative Technician for Student Equity and Academic Success
Judy Patacsil, Faculty Coordinator for Educational Equity (**College Representative**)
Jennifer Peña, Outreach Coordinator
Kirk Webley, Counseling Chair

College of Continuing Education:

Shakerra Carter, Vice President of Student Services
Marcia Grant, Counselor, CTE
Stephanie Lewis, Dean, College and Career Transitions (**College Representative**)
Jo Hart-Lloyd, Counselor
Lorie Howell, Program Dean, High School/ GED
Roberta Krauss, SDCCE CalWORKs Director

Community Members:

Gwendolyn Chamberlin, Retired, Former Intake Coordinator
Ernie McCray, Retired, Community Activist