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Student Services

**Student Services Council
May 13, 2010
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
District Office, Room 110
Minutes**

APPROVED

PRESENT:

Cynthia Rico Bravo	Mesa Academic Senate
Brian Ellison	Continuing Education
Stephen Flores	CE Academic Senate
Adela Jacobson	Miramamar College (for Peter Fong)
Barbara Kavalier	Mesa College
Cathi Lopez	City Academic Senate
David Navarro	Miramamar Academic Senate
Lynn Neault	Student Services
Peter White	City College

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- 1.0 Approval of Minutes
 - April 29, 2010
 - Approved

 - 2.0 30 Unit Basic Skills Course Limit – Revisited
 - The Council has been discussing the Title 5 limit (30 units) on the number of units earned in basic skills (“remedial”) courses.
 - At the previous meeting, it was agreed to put a hold on enrollment for students when they reach 24 units of basic skills work and refer them for counseling on the consequences of reaching the limit (once the limit is reached students can no longer take degree applicable courses with basic skills advisories or prerequisites).
 - Lynn Neault shared that she met with the Vice Presidents of Instruction and Student Services and the consensus was to not allow waivers at this time. They also agreed to have the first enrollment hold at 20 units instead of 24 units, which will provide an earlier intervention.

- Barbara Kavalier shared that Mesa has mixed reviews on the issue. She stated that the student services side felt strongly that we provide waivers to students that have demonstrated progress.
- Cathi Lopez felt that there is a big issue of financial that incentivizes the students to continue to enroll in classes.
- Lynn Neault shared that her office has been manually monitoring basic skills enrollment for years and there have not been any students who reached the limit (30 units) because so few courses were identified as basic skills.
- After much discussion, the Council agreed to put a hold on enrollment for students when they reach 20 units of basic skills work and refer them to counseling. The Council agreed to revisit the need for waivers after one year. Lynn Neault further agreed to develop a report of students with 20 units earned after spring grades.
- Peter White shared that City will be meeting with Continuing Education to discuss having Continuing Education teach Math 15 courses at City College in a non-credit mode in the summer.
- The Council agreed to revisit the item next year.

3.0 Priority Enrollment for Veterans

- The Council discussed priority registration for active military and those discharged within the last 2 years. It was shared with the Council that the first group whose priority will expire will be this summer. The Council was provided with the number of veterans whose priority will expire between summer 2010 & 2011.
- It was proposed that the district adhere to the two year limit due to the large number of veterans with priority and remind students that if they are making proper progress they will have a high enough priority.
- After much discussion, the Council agreed to not allow extensions and hold veterans to the two years of priority enrollment. It was further agreed to notify the student that their priority will expire.

4.0 Strategic Plan Assessment

- At a previous meeting, Barbara Kavalier provided the Council with an update on the Strategic Planning Committee as they are now gathering information for the indicators and measures for the goals in the strategic plan. The Council provided input; however, there was consensus from the Council that Goal 2 – *Strengthen and Expand Support Services in Responding to Changing Student Needs* – could not be met due to the current budget situation. The Council identified alternative ways in which the colleges could move forward and provided feedback.
- Barbara Kavalier provided the Council with an update on the progress made with Goal 2 and with the Council's feedback incorporated. The Council reviewed and provided additional feedback.

5.0 SDSU Transfer Update

- The Council was provided with a report on the SDSU Enrollment Management Advisory Committee. It was shared that a total of 1,066 transfer students from City, Mesa and Miramar were denied and 885 admitted. Priority was given to students with 100% transfer work in their area, followed by locals with 50% of their transfer work, then MiraCosta/Palomar students and finally local students who are missing some prep for the major. Four-year transfer students were not admitted.
- It was further shared that the TAG does not guarantee "highest admission priority."

6.0 Impact of Budget Cuts on Categorical Programs – Board Report

- The Council was provided with a copy of the Board presentation on the impact of budget cuts on the categorical programs that will be presented to the Board at the meeting this evening. The Council reviewed.

7.0 Fee Transfers

- The Council agreed to suppress courses with W's due to fee transfers, on the transcript, and not count the W's for progress.

8.0 Prerequisites

- The Council discussed the proposed Title 5 changes, which eliminate the need for statistical validation for cross disciplinary prerequisites.

- Barbara Kavalier feels that there needs to be a broad discussion with the faculty. Lynn Neault shared that the Research office has done validation studies through the years and have only been able to validate one or two courses.
- Peter White is not in favor of the proposed changes from the State Academic Senate. It was agreed that a districtwide dialog with the academic senates and deans is necessary, along with the faculty leadership. Lynn Neault suggested including the counseling faculty as well.
- It was agreed to add the item to the next joint VPI/VPS meeting.