Student Services Update

August 2015

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Petition for ADT Graduation Deadline

Fall Deadline

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New for Students this Fall Semester

District Student Services welcomes you to the start of the Fall semester. This month's newsletter provides a recap of all the changes and new initiatives being implemented this fall to improve services for students.

Title IX Student Training Launches in August

As you may know, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requires all college and universities that receive federal funds to provide primary and ongoing sexual assault awareness and prevention training to all students. In order to comply with these new regulations, the District has developed an online sexual assault prevention and awareness training program called Haven: Sexual Assault Prevention Training. All students are being encouraged to complete the training to help promote a safe learning environment.

New students will be asked to complete the training as part of college orientation, and student-athletes and student leaders will complete the training as part of their participation in these activities. We are also working with the District EEO Office in developing online trainings for faculty and staff.

New Online Complaint Website

Part of our efforts in promoting a safe learning environment for all students includes providing a formal platform to allow students to voice their concerns and possible infringements of student rights. In an effort to help coordinate the colleges' complaint processes, District Student Services has developed an online complaint website that will provide students with easy to understand information about the complaint process and provides them with a single location to submit a formal complaint as delineated by Board policy. The new complaint website will be launched next week and located on Student Web Services under "Key Resources."

Student Conduct Tracking Database Implementation

Student Services is implementing a new online student conduct incident tracking database called Maxient. The new software will allow for greater coordination between the campuses and provides faculty with an easy and secure way to report conduct violations in the classroom.

More information will follow as we roll out the implementation this Fall.

New Veterans Mobile WebApp

New Board of Governor's Fee Waiver Eligibility Rules

Effective Fall 2016, in accordance with recent changes to the California Education Code and Title 5, students who are academically disqualified due to GPA or lack of progress will lose their Board of Governors (BOG) fee waiver. The District has begun to notify students if they are at risk of losing their eligibility so they may take appropriate steps to remain in good academic standing. Students will have the option to appeal the loss of their BOG fee waiver eligibility if they have documented extenuating circumstances.

New BOGW Application Requirements

Effective Fall 2015, all students seeking financial aid at City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act application to determine eligibility for all financial aid, including BOG fee waivers.

- For a FAFSA, go to https://fafsa.ed.gov.
- For a California Dream Act application, go to https://dream.csac.ca.gov.

Students with extenuating circumstances, who cannot complete a FAFSA by the deadline, should visit their campus Financial Aid Office.

Consumer Information Website

For compliance with Federal regulations under the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), District Student Services has launched a new "Consumer Information" webpage linked on the college websites. The webpage provides students with important information about the colleges, including a listing of the academic programs on campus, financial aid regulations, students' right-to-know rates, annual cost of college, student demographics, health, safety information and much more. The disclosures provide students and the community with important information when students make their choice in the college they wish to enroll. The webpage is located at http://www.sdccd.edu/consumer/.

Title IX & Campus SaVE Act Website

Over the summer, District Student Services launched a new Title IX & Campus SaVE Act webpage at http://www.sdccd.edu/titleix/. This page provides students and employees with important resources, policies and instructions on how to prevent, and report incidents of sexual violence to the appropriate Title IX coordinator on each campus.

As part of the District's continuing efforts to help support the success of our Veteran Students, District Student Services is releasing a beta version of a new mobile web application (WebApp) called Vet GPS.

Vet GPS is an interactive WebApp that provides Veteran students with access to important information regarding their GI Bill education benefits.

To access the new WebApp and learn more, please visit the SDCCD Vet GPS page at http://bit.ly/sdvetgps

SDCCD Volunteer Match Website

District Student Services will be launching a new website this fall called *Volunteer Connect* that connects San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges and Continuing Education students with volunteer opportunities in the community. Volunteering not only provides students the opportunity to help make a difference in the community, it fosters community engagement and promotes valuable learning experiences. *Volunteer Connect* provides non-profit and community organizations with a simple way to reach out to thousands of San Diego Community College District students looking to give back to the community.

Nonresident Veteran Students—Tuition Exemption

The Federal Choice Act states that California Community Colleges must offer in-state tuition and fees to all Veterans and dependents eligible to receive GI Bill benefits. Effective Fall 2015, a Veteran will have their nonresident tuition fees waived if they currently reside in California, have been discharged within three years, have more than 90 days of active duty service, are using or intend to use their GI Bill benefits while enrolling at San Diego City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges.

Campus Solutions Update

The Campus Solutions Team has been working diligently on data conversion, configuration of the system, mapping the setup of CCCApply and finalizing the list of gaps and determining/evaluating business process changes. The advising sub-group is currently building the configuration of the degree audit and Ed Plan modules and has expanded the team to build all of the historical requirements.

Welcome Our New Student Services Technicians

Please join us in congratulating Marina Jordan and Ryan Barsotti as the two new Student Services Technicians. Marina and Ryan will be working on combining duplicate records for the implementation of the new PeopleSoft system and helping with clearing prerequisites.

Key Dates

Fall 2015

- Classes begin: **August 24**

- Add/Drop/Refund deadline for semester length courses: **Sept 4**

- Pass/No Pass Grade Option Deadline: **Sept 25** (primary session)

- Withdrawal Deadline: **Oct 30** (primary session)

- Grades for Fall available on Reg-E beginning: **Jan 11**

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