

Student Success & Equity Committee
Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2019
SC-204 / 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Members

Faculty (4) - Fabio Gonzalez (Co-Chair), Heather Jellison, Meiko Daire,

Management (4) – Robert Gutierrez (Co-Chair), Blake Balajadia, Celia Cruz-Johnson, Eliazer Ayala-Austin

Classified (4) – Xiomara Martinez, Patricia Romero, Hilario (Juan) Garcia

Associated Student Body (1) – (Vacant)

Researcher (ex-officio) (1) – Shusaku Horibe

Attendees: Fabio Gonzalez, Heather Jellison, Meiko Daire, Blake Balajadia, Eliazer Ayala-Austin, Celia Cruz-Johnson, Xiomara Martinez, Hilario (Juan) Garcia, Patricia Romero, Tiffany Tran

Guest: Edina Rutland, Maria Avalos, Jane Harmon

1) Welcome / Introductions

2) Approval of Agenda

a) Approved - Motioned: Blake Balajadia / 2nd Celia Cruz-Johnson

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Approved – Motioned: Fabio Gonzalez / 2nd Blake Balajadia

4) Information/Action Items:

a) A2MEND Summit (Maria Avalos)

Maria Avalos, requested \$8,660.25 for the African American Male Education Network and Development Summit. She explained that the mission of the conference is to counteract the dismal forecast of the African American male in higher education by centrally focusing on the role of the institution. The A2Mend conference will provide support, guidance, professional development, and networking opportunities for our student. The committee agreed to fund the conference as long as there was enough budget. Fabio Gonzalez would check on the funding and let Maria Avalos know.

b) SAS Note Takers (Edina Rutland)

Edina Rutland requested \$20,000 for SAS (Student Accessibility Services) Note Takers. She explained how important additional support like note taking is to her students due to educational or functional limitations. It is also required by Title V

Educational Code. Acquiring and utilizing adequate notes greatly enhances their chances of successfully completing their courses. Edina Rutland explained how in the past the department attempted to use volunteer note-takers, but it was highly unsuccessful. This left SAS students without this much needed accommodation. Celia Cruz asked if the note-takers were going to be trained. Edina Rutland response was that, as of now the priority was to begin with the support. She is going to implement a form of training for the next semester. Edina Rutland has the students interested in being note-takers bring in a sample that she can look over, and determine the eligibility of the student. The request was approved pending on the budget. Fabio Gonzalez would get back to Edina Rutland and let her know.

c) Budget Update

Fabio Gonzalez will update the committee on the current budget.

d) BSI (Basic Skills Committee)

Fabio Gonzalez wants to bring both Student Success/Equity committee together with the Basic Skills Committee to discuss if the committees want to keep the funding combined or if the committees want to separate the budget. He suggested that the Chairs of the committees should discuss and let the committees know by the end of this semester.

Upcoming Meetings from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in SC 204

May 2, 2019

May 16, 2019