NORCO COLLEGE

EOPS I CARE I NEXTUP Advisory Committee Spring 2024 Meeting
May 23, 2024

Online Zoom meeting: https://rccd-edu.zoom.us/j/89192882846?pwd=Ag0l28xwquebLuZUAIGVFiuUtRCwDn.1&from=addon

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Daniela McCarson **co-chair**, *Lacy Carson, Steven Gonzalez, Maria Gonzalez, Amy Kramer, Monica Huizar, Kimberly Thomas, Azadeh Iglesias, Gabriela Cortez, Leticia Guzman-Scott, Sara Gamez, Manuel Perez; Lori Montonaga, Jenna Mendez, Erin Cole, Asia Diaz, Anthony Haggins, Amanda Robles* **co-chair**, *Mark Raygoza, Miriam Carillo, Reneisha Wilkes*

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

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II. **Review/recap of Fall 2023 Meeting Minutes**
   - **Follow up on the minutes-were they sent out?**

III. **Dean's Report (Daniela McCarson)**
   a. Area Updates
      i. Hire of a FT tenure-track EOPS/CARE/NextUp counselor (posting soon)
         1. Also hiring-EOPS/CARE Specialist, planning for onboarding by Aug2024
      ii. EOPS Services to CRC-pilot in Sp24/full integration F24
         1. Will develop a modified MRC for this population (review in Fall 24)
         2. Kramer-has made connections with currents students in the Prison Partnership program. Providing more contact and support with a small pilot group
      iii. Student Resource Specialist supporting foster youth-posting position starts mid June 24
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      iv. Proposed revisions to EOPS Title V regs
         1. All new and continuing students must apply for FAFSA annually to remain eligible
            a. Removing caps for grants and work study
         2. Within 2 months in program, must provide income documentation
            a. CARE students only
         3. Remove unnecessary admin burdens and increase flexibility for colleges to engage in local decisions to implement evidence based practices for equitable outcomes
            a. BlackHawk is a vendor which provided universal grocery and gas cards
         4. Eliminate outdated fixed dollar amount caps for EOPS grants and work study awards-base it on unmet need.

IV. **Graduating EOPS Student Highlight: Monique Sherie Armendarez**
V. **Student Financial Services Updates (Michelle Rodriguez)**
   a. **The new updates have caused some delays but is continuously working on the FAFSA**
   b. **Student from mixed-status families are now able to submit the FAFSA**
   c. **NC have started to download 24-25 FAFSA for clean applications and awards will begin to be issued**

       d. LATE program: funding revoked and will be going back to the state

       e. CalGrant reform is tabled for this year

       f. Increase in awards for 24-25, an increase for 23-24 was approved and will be issued late June

VI.   EOPS/CARE Updates and Highlights (Amy Kramer/Steven Gonzalez)

       a. Presentation provided

VII.   NextUp Foster Youth Services Updates and Highlights (Monica Huizar/Azadeh Iglesias)

       a. Presentation provided

VIII.   Around the Room (Advisory Member updates)

    a. Riverside County DPSS-Mark R.

    b. Cal Poly Pomona-Leticia Guzman/Dr. Sara Gamez

       i. Up 1200 from last years applicants-7 Norco applicants

       ii. EOP workshops late Fall for staff/counselors

    c. CSU San Bernardino-Reneisha Wilkes

       i. Invitation with all-you-can-buffet lunch provided for those interested in visiting

       ii. No freshman applicants are accepted

       iii. Highly encourage students waiting for their transfer institution FA award to contact that university directly and ask the questions.

       iv. No age requirement as long as the student has proof of being a ward of the state for Renaissance Scholars

    d. UCR-Stephen Morales

       i. Guardian Scholars are prioritized housing with year-round housing

       ii. No age requirement or self-declared for eligible students

       iii. Earn Up to $5800 scholarship-by meeting certain incentives (medical exams, academic check-ins)

       iv. Food/hygiene pantry within their Resource Center with student recommendations, not just Basic Needs office

    e. CNUSD HS partners-Reps

    f. NC Departments

       i. Basic Needs & Wellness-200% increase in services from last year

       ii. Plans for an Community Open House in 2024-2025

IX.   Discussion or Action items