

NORCO COLLEGE

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2016

CSS 219

Present: Stan Tyler, Lorena Patton, Damon Nance, Tim Russell, Gustavo Ocegueda, Erin Power, Caitlin Welch, Susan Galvez, Monica Esparza, Hortencia Cuevas

Guests: Carol Farrar, Colleen Molko, Eva Amezola, Miriam Alonso

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Stan Tyler at 12:06pm
- II. **Information items:** Motion made to move IV. A (Basic Skills Grant) to the beginning of the meeting due to Dr. Farrar needing to leave early. Motion to amend agenda & informational items made by Lorena Patton and supported by Erin Powers.
 - a. Basic Skills Update-Carol reported that the state made 60 million dollars available for Basic Skills Initiatives through proposition 98 funds. On January 21, 2016, the request for award for the Basic Skills grant was announced. The deadline to submit proposals was March 25th. January 26, a team of faculty and executive cabinet members met to determine the feasibility of the grant. On February 11th the team (Jason, Carol, Melissa) attended a workshop to get more information regarding the grant requirements. Follow up continued during the week of February 17th with Carol attending the Redesigning Community Colleges conference. On February 24th 2016 Carol presented the BSI grant to the grants committee, April 6th to ISPC, May 24th Student Success Council, and May 25th back to the Grants committee on May 25th for an update. The California Community Colleges Basic Skills and student outcomes transformation programs proposal focused on Integration and Support for the Basic Skills Initiative, Title V, equity & SSSP. The proposal requires our current infrastructure to be ready to implement the things listed in the grant. The institution was awarded 1.3 million dollars over 3 years. Project goals include: (1) Multiple measures in assessment & placement (2) Acceleration in basic skills English (3) Acceleration in basic skills mathematics and (4) K-12 partnerships (summer advantage, ambassador programs, formalize regular interaction with school districts). On March 29th the proposals were read and ranked. On April 1st, notifications of intent to award went out to Norco, RCC and Moreno Valley. Norco received the full award and critical input from faculty, support from the vice presidents of academic affairs, student services and business services. The proposal also received support from the office of institutional effectiveness, the district grants office and the student equity initiatives. The grant starts effective July 1, 2016 to June 19, 2019. Tami Comstock and Janet Frewing are the faculty champions for this project. Annual reporting required.

- III. **Minutes:** Approval of the 4.27.16 minutes to review. Hortencia Cuevas moved to approve, Gustavo Ocegueda 2nd the motion.
- IV. **Action Items:** Gustavo moved to approve and accept the discussion of action items, Lorena 2nd.
- a. **Upward Bound Proposal-** Eva Amezola brought forward two proposals. The first was the renewal of the three Upward Bound Grants, Centennial, Corona and Norte Vista. The second proposal was for a new Upward Bound Grant for La Sierra high school. The Upward Bound proposal services include: Academic Tutoring, Academic Advising, Financial Aid assistance, financial literacy, exposure to cultural events and activities. Miriam Alonso and Eva Amezola discussed both renewal and new proposals. La Sierra high school is a part of Alvord Unified School district and the demographics of students served there are very similar to Norte Vista. Due the new school that opened in Riverside, "Hillcrest" high school, many students left La Sierra which resulted in a demographic shift. There is now a new need for La Sierra high school to have Upward Bound due to the redistricting. Eva Amezola presented the Upward Bound proposal at the Alvord Unified School District board meeting on may 17th. The superintendent of the district is very supportive of upward bound. New model of Upward Bound includes, two directors and two full time outreach specialists. Office specialists will be at Norco once a week and in the field during the rest of the week. Project budget is 250k-307k annually and does not include 8% indirect fees. Gustavo called for the motion to approve, Hortencia accepted and Tim Russell 2nd. Vote carried. No abstentions.
- b. **HSI-STEM-** Lorena Patton presented on the Title III HSI STEM proposal. Gustavo Ocegueda moved to discussion and Time Russell 2nd. The HSI STEM focuses on strengthening transfer in engineering and matriculation in STEM. The award is 6 million dollars over a budget period of 2016-2021. The grant will have an academic, outreach and research component, and focus on (1) Accelerating success and completion in STEM track mathematics course sequences (2) Strengthening engineering pathways and increasing enrollment in STEM degree programs for underrepresented populations including low-come and Hispanic students. (3) Increasing retention, transfer and career preparation in engineering and (4) Increasing collaboration with middle and high schools, four-year colleges/universities and STEM industry partners. Lorena discussed the 37.5% indirect and Erin Powers asked a question regarding how that number was agreed upon. She also asked why there were 2 part time student success coaches being hired as opposed to one full time position. The rational behind it was that the coaches would be assigned to different campuses and 1 person would not be able to account to all service area high schools and STEM specific populations. Lorena suggested a motion to approve the grant,

Hortencia Cuevas supported, Stan Tyler 2nd, vote carried with no abstentions.

V. Information Items

- a. **National Science Foundation (NSF)** – Colleen presented on the National Science Foundation grant. Norco College currently has received a “recommended for funding” status. The total grant award is \$4 million dollars over a 5-year budget period with Kevin Fleming serving 35% as the Principal investigator, Colleen serving 100% as the project director and Elena Santa Cruz serving 90% as the Grants Administrative Specialist. The project includes sub awardees such as Sinclair community college, Houston community college and piedmont. The goal of the project is to increase the number of skills supply chain technicians in the region. The new work plan includes a national symposium and a massive rebranding effort. The supply chain automation component will also now focus on veterans and establishing national industry certification.
- b. **Foster Youth Weingart Foundation Grant**- Koji Uesugi presented on the foster youth grant. The grant is a total of \$180k to be split across 3 colleges, Norco, RCC and Moreno Valley. A letter of inquiry was submitted a few months ago and Norco was recently given approval to move forward with the application process. Currently, the college does not have a consistent funding stream to support foster youth and will receive \$38k annually if the proposal is successful. A consultant will be hired and the focus will be capacity building programs. The meeting to develop the grant will take place on June 6th. Lastly, The district has also received 250k for the 3up project which will begin on June 1st and currently seeking a part time job placement developer.

VI. Discussion

- a. Fall membership & meeting times – committee members voted to keep meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12pm-1:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm