

San José State University
Project Succeed Advisory Committee Meeting
February 20, 2017 2:30-4:00 pm

Minutes

Members present:

Patricia Backer, Cindy Kato, Maria Luisa Alaniz, Stephanie Hubbard, Deanna Peck, Adrienne Eastwood, Emily Bruce, Hector Perea, Marcos Pizarro, Mary Schutten, Michael Kimbarow, Sonja Daniels, Skylar Caesar, Kathy Wong(lau), Camille Johnson. Daniel Brenner-WestEd, Bryan Matlen-WestEd

Members absent:

Andy Feinstein, Maureen Smith, Ariadna Manzo, Cynthia Baer, Michael Kaufman, Reginald Blaylock, Stacy Gleixner, Walt Jacobs

Agenda Items:

1. Greetings/Introductions- Dr. Backer opened the meeting, introduced herself and had each person around the table do the same.
2. Project Succeed Budget- Dr. Backer shared with committee members the most up to date version of the Project Succeed budget. Included in this version are projected costs through the end of this fiscal year. [September 30, 2017]
3. Introduction of Daniel Brenner and Bryan Matlen. Daniel Brenner and Bryan Matlen presented on the Project Succeed Annual Evaluation Report. One of the key aspects that Bryan discussed was the use of Propensity Matching to determine a truer picture of the data; it helps defeat selection bias. Both approaches to the data accumulated thus far is showing a positive change in retention due to the impact of Project Succeed.

There was a question period after the presentation, Daniel and Bryan fielded questions from members in attendance. Members of the project team helped answer some of the questions:

- i) Survey on the Faculty Mentor program; there is a plan to do a survey on this population in Fall 2017
- ii) Adding data on first generation students; biggest road block is the definition of first generation to use.
- iii) Any plan to study upper division; the grant is not designed to fund activities for that population
- iv) What about transfer students; the grant is not designed to fund activities for that population
- v) There was a discussion on conducting focus groups of Fall 2015 freshmen to get their input about the various initiatives and a discussion of online versus in-person focus groups.

4. Update on FYE pilots. Dr. Backer shared an update on the FYE pilot programs. She noted that there were active committees working on pilots for Fall 2017. Also, the FYE Steering Committee was working on creating Learning Guidelines for all FYE programs.
5. Dr. Backer opened the floor for any other questions/comments. Members mentioned block scheduling by high school/ region, or by being undeclared. A comment was mentioned on adding data from Women/Gender studies to the grant. The issue of transfer students was raised again.