

EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Advisory Meeting

Tuesday, 1/31/2023

1:00—2:30 PM

<https://laccd.zoom.us/j/86242656623>

Members Present:

Kaman Ng, EOPS Assistant Director/Counselor
Dawn Reid, Dean of Student Services
Blanca Rodriguez, CARE Coordinator
Tracye Jones, NextUp Coordinator
Angeles Zesati, CalWORKs Counselor
Marcela Hernandez, Interim Transfer Center Director
Jason Harris, GAIN Services Worker

Amarylles Hall, SPS Director
Michelle Barreau, FA Representative
Jacob Haik, Deputy Chief of Staff, 15th District
Kevin Gallegos, UCLA Representative
Ramon Muniz, CSUN EOP Coordinator
Sara Rubio, Counseling Chair
Deatrice Shernell, LBCC EOPS Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM

1. Introduction and Welcome

- a. K.Ng welcomed the committee, especially new members, and everyone introduced themselves.
- b. K.Ng shared the mission and goal of this committee, including how the committee advocates and supports the LAHC EOPS and CARE Program.
- c. Floor was open to other veteran members to share their commitment/vision on the board.
- d. K.Ng shared that the committee is now an EOPS/CARE Advisory Committee while CalWORKs may be hosting their own committee, but will continue to support each other as programs.

2. Review of agenda and minutes

- a. Agenda for this meeting and minutes from the August 2022 meeting was shared on the chat for all to access
- b. No changes to minutes or agenda

3. EOPS/CARE Updates, Report, and Goals

- a. K.Ng shared highlights of EOPS for Fall 2022 along with the transition from pre-pandemic to post pandemic. A presentation was presented with engagement strategies and cohort model. The presentation included enrollment count, workshop and special event data, and break down of cohort model. EOPS continue to provide 100% online and in-person services. As of Fall 22, LAHC EOPS has surpassed the 21-22 EOPS enrollment. The goal is to reach 150+ new students to meet goal of 650 for the year. While enrollment is looking up, students on EOPS probation (below 2.0 in Fall 2022 semester) is higher than other years. B.Rodriguez connected what she has observed in the CARE program and shared her report on CARE.
- b. B.Rodriguez shared CARE report via a newsletter which included CARE/CalWORKs Toy Drive, and events that happened Fall 22. CARE continued offering in-person events such as coffee chats with CARE students and conferences/workshops. B.Rodriguez mentioned students who earned scholarship and the continued work to support students with scholarship application. She also shared concern for low retention for CARE students and the challenges single-parent students face. The academic success of CARE students has dipped to 36% during this time from a normal 80-90% success rate pre-pandemic. B.Rodriguez and K.Ng asked the question of what other support we can provide to student.
 - a. D.Shernell said that LBCC has been reaching out to academic department/teaching faculty to help instructors learn more about the challenges EOPS students face. To be able to provide a more equitable learning environment.
 - b. J.Haiks suggested getting success testimonials or student stories from recent graduates. Students relates more to each other.
 - c. R.Muniz shared that CSUN EOP Summer Bridge Course is a great success. The course helps students transition to the campus and provide a head start for the first semester to students teaching them important college survival skills.
 - d. T.Jones talked about the challenges that online classes are for students. Many students struggle with online courses but would rather pick the convenience of it. Problem solving

skills is also a skill we would like to teach our students. Our programs will be developing workshops to support that. T.Jones then provided a NextUp report.

- c. T.Jones shared updates on NextUp. NextUp has new regulations passed this last year. AB190 *“Students now only need to be younger than age 26 as of the first year of program enrollment. Students who subsequently turn 26 while in the program or who stop out and return, can continue services. The second change specifies that the eligibility requirements for NextUp are limited to those articulated in statute, namely that a student was in care after age 13, is enrolled in nine units or is working towards enrollment in nine units and was under age 26 at first enrollment. Other criteria, such as income and residency restrictions included in Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) regulations will no longer apply to NextUp.”* NextUp has a goal of 61+ and confident that they will reach that.

4. Campus and Community Partner Updates

- a. R.Muniz thanked the EOPS CARE team for their passion. He announced his official retirement of April 1. A new replacement, Jesus Flores, will start next week and he will introduce him to us to continue the partnership with CSUN.
- b. K. Gallegos thanked the committee for the work we do. He suggested modeling the UCLA STOMP concept of discovering EOPS student leaders who can provide mentorship to other EOPS students. Students have a lot of academic support through our programs, but peer mentorship is important. K.Gallegos provided UCLA enrollment information including UCLA LAHC applicant data. Overall UCLA admit rate is 24% and LAHC UCLA admit rate for last year was 26%. STOMP will be hosted on March 11 from 9-3PM. Registration information was provided.
- c. D.Shernell shared that LBCC has good persistent rates. They are also doing their best to bring their enrollment up to pre-pandemic rate. She shared some activities that LBCC does with their students to encourage success.
- d. J.Haik will start a new role next month as he transitions out of the 15th Council District, but will continue to stay on this committee as well as the LAHC Foundation.
- e. M.Hernandez thanked the EOPS CARE team and shared her appreciation for our collaboration.
- f. J.Harris: No new updates with GAIN but appreciate the collaboration in supporting CalWORKs/GAIN students. He will let us know once he finds out who the new CA Community College liaison is that replaced Ana White.

Other items

Meeting adjourned at 2:10PM