# GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2015
Video Conference Meeting

| | Scott Thayer, VPSS, CC (co-chair) | Chris Hill, Interim VPSS, GC (co-chair) |
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| **MEMBERSHIP** | Wei Zhou, VPI, CC - absent | Katrina VanderWoude, VPAA, GC - absent |
| | Marsha Gable, Dean, Counseling, CC - absent | Martha Clavelle, Dean, Counseling, GC - absent |
| | Nicole Jones, Counseling Chair, CC | Renee Tuller, Counseling Chair, GC |
| | Alicia Munoz, Academic Senate President, CC | Beth Smith, Interim Sr. Dean, College Planning & Institutional Effectiveness, GC |
| | VACANT, Supervisor, Admissions & Records, CC | Wayne Branker, Supervisor, Admissions & Records, GC |
| | VACANT, Academic Dean, CC | Mike Reese, Academic Dean, GC - absent |
| | Jessica Yakou, Student Success Coordinator, CC | Sue Gonda, Academic Senate President, GC |
| | Chris Tarman, Senior Dean, RPIE, District - absent | Steve Baker, Faculty, GC - absent |
| | Emily Smith, Consultant, Information Systems - absent | Aaron Starck, Interim Dean, A&R/Financial Aid, GC |
| | | Brian Nath, Senior Director, Information Systems, District |
| | | Natalie Ray, High School/CTE Partnerships Program Director, GC -- absent |
| | | Dave Dillon, Counseling Faculty, GC |
| **RECORDER** | Gwen Nix, CC | |

**Guests:** Tate Hurvitz, Academic Senate President Elect, GC; Sara Glasgow, Interim Dean, Student Success and Equity, GC

S. Thayer called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.  Introductions were made.

S. Thayer posed the question to the committee as to whether the GCCCD Student Success Taskforce, in addition to the committee, should continue to meet now that the colleges were in the implementation phase of the student success initiatives.   After some discussion, it was agreed that the meetings should be kept on the calendar and the taskforce can meet as needed.  It was agreed that Brian Nath would send out an update prior to the taskforce meeting with potential discussion items.  A decision could then be made as to whether the taskforce force members should meet together or could communicate by email.

**1. 3SP and Student Equity Funds Update**
S. Thayer reported that the State Chancellor's office has extended the student success and student equity funding through December 31, 2015.  Any update deadlines will remain the same.

**2. California Community Colleges Online Education Initiative (OEI), Education Planning Initiative (EPI), and Common Assessment Initiative (CAI)  (Thayer)**
S. Thayer shared some planning tools from the State Chancellor's office  Agenda items #3 and #4 are website to assist colleges in understanding why students are not completing the mandated steps for matriculation.

R. Tuller reported that Grossmont College will be hosting all-day modules to assist new students in the matriculation process.  The modules will include advising, orientation, and class registration.

N. Jones also reported that Cuyamaca College has implemented the Cuyamaca Coyote Connection.  The program will be reaching out to 5 high schools within the area to assist high school seniors in the matriculation process.  Counselors and outreach staff will be going to each of the high schools to assist students in the process.  N. Jones and J. Yakou reported that they are working with the high school counselors at each of the 5 high schools to assist them in helping the students completed each of the matriculation steps to be eligible for priority registration for the fall 2015 semester:

**3. Third Scheduled Step: Forward Awareness Kit Mailing (State Chancellor's Office) http://www.stepforward.cccco.edu/  (Thayer)**

**4. Video Blog: Tools that Inspire http://toolsthatinspire.com/  (Thayer)**

**5. Student Services Technology Taskforce update (Nath)**
B. Nath provided an update from the Student Services Technology Taskforce.  Items included:
- Paperwork is in Purchasing now for the SARS messaging products.  The new component will be able to send texts to students for appointment reminders.  Questions were asked as to whether the new component would be able to community with the entire student body at one time.  B. Nath informed committee members that it will not have the capacity for mass texts.
- Open CCC Apply should be ready to launch in early March.  The new program will not include international students.
- Admissions and Records staff can now access Imaging Now.  Permissions for the program will eventually be given to counselors.
- Hopes to have a vendor in place with the next couple of weeks for degree verification.

S. Thayer asked for feedback regarding the recent Ellucian demonstration that was held on Tuesday, February 3.   There was much discussion regarding the program and the demonstration.

Pros for the program included:
- The concept of an integrated system.
- The web portal was great.  It was noted that the portal could be purchased separately from the rest of the package.
- The degree audit was part of the education plan
- "Talks" well with Colleague, and integrates with Blackboard.
- Appears to be a comprehensive package

There were some Cons to the program, including:
- Early Alert was not part of the package
- Grossmont College Counselors did not like the program
- The State Chancellor's office developing a state-wide student portal

Committee members agreed that:
- ✓ B. Nath contact Ellucian to inquire if they would be available to come back to the college for a more hands-on demonstration.
- ✓ B. Nath to contact other Southern CA colleges that use Ellucian to get their feedback on its capabilities.
- ✓ Other products/vendors should be explored, specifically those that create education plans.
- ✓ It was noted that counselors at Cuyamaca College liked the Saddleback model, and would like to see a demonstration of that model and its features.
- ✓ See the integration of WebAdvisor and student education plans.
- ✓ Technology cannot replace the face-to-face meeting with a counselor; technology should supplement the meeting with a counselor.
- ✓ Information going out to students needs to be consolidated (such as a web portal) whereby students can login once and have access to all their informational needs, including Blackboard.
- ✓ A. Munoz added that she understands that the State Chancellor's office is working to develop a state-wide student portal.  The colleges need to be in sync with what is being planned on a state-wide level.
- ✓ Now that the demo has been given, there may be a need to put together list of goals for the new program to determine what the students' needs are, and how this fits with measuring student success.

## 6. Enrollment Management Discussion
In the consideration of the time, this agenda item was deferred to the March meeting.

Additional March agenda items will include Financial Literacy in addition to creating and optimizing services for students.

S. Thayer adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.