Bakersfield College Transfer Advisory Group

April 6, 2011, 4:00-5:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting began at 4:00 pm in the Board of Trustee’s room located on the second floor of the BC Library. Those in attendance included Sue Granger-Dickson, chair; Patrick Fulks, Biology; Duane Anderson, Architecture; Paula Dahl, Physical Education; Marisa Marquez, CSUB, Leighann Smart, LaVerne University, Endee Blanton and Greg West, Fresno Pacific University. Those who were absent included Kate Pluta, English; Liz Rozell, Engineering; Frank Ramirez, UC Merced and Elmer Aguilar, CSU Fresno.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. New Business
   a. General Discussion-Increasing transfer rates of BC students
      i. The following ideas were suggested by the group:
         • Incorporate the student educational plan (SEP) in the Academic Development curriculum.
         • Short (10 minute) classroom presentations on *How to Successfully Transfer*.
         • Short classroom visits by transfer representatives.
         • Create transfer student testimonials and post online.
         • Create a cell phone application on how to create a student educational plan.
         • Increase the number of financial aid for transfer workshops.
         • Create roadmaps to transfer, *Where You Are vs. Where Do You Want to Be*.
         • Target high school seniors with transfer information.
         • Advocate with the administration to have a Spring Transfer Event.
         • Have a Transfer Awareness Week in the Fall that coincides with Transfer Day. Have faculty wear their college t-shirts and talk about their own college experiences.

      ii. Increasing success of BC transfer students
         1. Institute prerequisites for college-level general education courses.
         2. Lobby for changes in the financial aid structure.
         3. Create a video for students on how to transfer.
         4. Reinstitute early enrollment for incoming high school seniors.
   b. BC Policies that assist or hinder transfer
i. Re-tool and re-write Admissions and Records matriculation chart on the BC website. Faculty report that it is very confusing.

c. Partnerships
   i. Increase classroom presentations and workshops on transfer, majors and careers with local transfer representatives.

3. Action Items
   • Sue will draft a 10 minute transfer presentation.
   • Sue and Marisa will create a Road Map to Transfer.
   • Sue will approach the Academic senate about a transfer Awareness week for Fall.
   • Sue will create a Fall workshop schedule to include major and career workshops, more financial aid workshops, application and personal statement workshops, and beginning the Transfer process workshops.
   • Sue will get funding to create transfer video for students and add student testimonials to the transfer website.

4. Adjournment at 5:30 pm.