

Developmental Ed Committee Meeting Minutes

4-9-20

Present: Ian Thomas-Bignami, Kenyetta Tribble, Nicole Gomes, Asa Scherer, Heidi Goen-Salter, Katrina Keating, Lindsay Kong, Carissa Urbalejo

1. **Approval of 3/5 minutes:** ✓

2. **Updates and Reports on Current Activities and Needs**
 - Covid is bringing out a lot of issues that fall under the purview of Dev Ed group
 - Students struggling with new requirements; many students without all the necessary studenting skills, and many without the luxuries (rooms to study, computer at home, functioning wifi, etc.)
 - This broadens conversation that used to only be in dev ed classes; maybe everyone now sees the need

 - Math update:
 - Summer Math Leap is NOT going to run this summer
 - Lots of logistical issues (e.g., high schools shut down so no recruiting, having to shift to remote, etc.)
 - They'll offer it following summer
 - Fall Math Leap is seeing same problems, so also WILL NOT run in fall
 - It was supposed to be a safety net for students struggling in a support class, or NOT in a support class but they need support.
 - It MIGHT run in spring, depending on what happens in fall.
 - Also: Embedded counseling and embedded tutoring are not going smoothly—logistical challenges
 - They're trying to create an “effective practices” sheet to share
 - Question of fall: The funding was only through summer
 - Unclear on whether department will submit proposal for fall
 - Tutoring: There's a zoom room in math lab (e.g. Stats from 9-12).
 - Students are not showing up—not sure why
 - Is it the hours? Too overwhelmed with everything? Need more recruitment?

 - SRC Update:
 - Math and science tutoring are both pretty active, but other tutoring, not so much

 - DVC Overall Update:
 - Technology Loan/Distribution has been going well: a lot of students getting necessary items
 - SES: Came up with a plan for emergency grants for students
 - Feds gave DVC 6.5 million, w/ 50% to be distributed directly to students impacted by Covid19

- Working on plan for how to distribute
 - Counseling Update:
 - Counselors available via website
 - Website has updates on deadlines for P/NP, CSU/UC deadlines, etc.
 - Tutoring in General
 - Tutoring has not been in great demand yet
 - Students might still be just trying to figure out how to do school online
 - This may change over time as they (and we) all get used to this new world
 - Finances:
 - We should be encouraging students to apply for FAFSA, even if they haven't in the past, because of the economic downturn hitting so many students
 - Some students deferring transfer because of financial and familial pressures/struggles
 - How can we support them?
 - Disappearing Students:
 - What are we doing for retention for students who have disappeared in these last weeks?
 - What kind of outreach is being done?
 - Starfish
 - Maybe a supportive blast to students (“Hang in there!”)
 - Summer Institute
 - What about shifting this to a 2-3 week set of modules that people could do in a remote setting?
 - This could complement Canvas and DE institutes running this summer
 - These would be technically-focused
 - The institute would be pedagogically-focused
 - Ian is talking to Kat, Anne, and Rick to make sure the design fits with other things going on
3. **ASC Funding Proposal**
- Some questions that came up:
 - Summer: What will it look like?
 - This proposal is for what it WOULD have looked like without pandemic
 - However, they'll doubtless be putting in a LOT of hours over summer to solve all the pandemic-related problems
 - People like the idea of stable funding for on-going positions so that we're not always trying to retrain/rehire new people
 - Thumbs-up on the ASC proposal
4. May meeting will be a proposal-heavy meeting: Be ready to read them as they come in.