

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.