Committee on Preparatory Education Meeting
Minutes
Monday December 07, 2012
2 – 3:30 p.m. Kerr Hall 129

Present: Gabriel Elkaim (Chair), George Bunch, Bruno Mendes (NSTF Rep), Sarah-Hope Parmeter (ELWR Coordinator), SUA and GSA reps. TBA, Susanna Wrangell (staff).

Absent: None.

Guest: Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, VPDUE Richard Hughey.

I. Announcements
Members reviewed the minutes from November 09, and approved.

II. Pre-Consultation for VPDUE Richard Hughey
Members held a discussion on the campus becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution and what benefits and or increase in funding the campus can expect. On campus, many departments are starting to think about how to plan, what the pros and cons are with the process.
Members will ask the following questions:
What investments are we making for success for this student population?
What status of retention and graduation rates must the institution have to retain the title?
How does the campus address all the success of our students?
What is the right way to serve the underrepresented and or underprepared in the best possible effort for their success?
Specifically what produces the greatest rate of success for their time at the university?
Are we doing the right thing by the students and not what we think we are doing is successful?

III. Members Items:
There was not enough time to hold a discussion but for future agendas in winter quarter:
Member Hope-Parmeter distributed quarterly ELWR satisfaction rates for discussion at a future meeting.
Member Bunch will discuss UC AACORD and Member Mendes will go over the MPE test scores, the Mathematics Department feels the online test is a success. About 3000 students have participated and as a result, MATH 3 has increased enrollments.

IV. Consultation with VPDUE Richard Hughey
Hispanic Serving Institution:
Members were apprised by VPDUE Hughey on the status of UCSC becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution and held a discussion based on their questions. The plan is to apply for grants. Other institutions have an early alert system built into the academic reporting system that sends a message to advising. UC Riverside is almost fully funded, and this is rare for a research university. Most institutions are small and private universities and colleges. Having this status could be positive when recruiting graduate students who would like to do research on success rates with a diversity of student populations.
Councils of Retention:
VPDUE Hughey apprised CPE members of a new committee he will be chairing, Student Success Team (SST) that will be addressing student issues of retention and time to degree. Students who need the most help are not those who would seek out resources, it could be due to embarrassment or it maybe more student friendly if a council or body of members were students for peer to peer guidance and sharing of knowledge. At other UCs there are retention based student organizations, here at UCSC we have SOAR, and ethnicity based groups but what is needed is subject based groups. Students need to invest in this movement with effort and owning their processes. Faculty members have tried to reach out to these students but they often recoil and make themselves scarce. Could UCSC benefit from more peer counciling, the colleges tried a pilot program but had issues with training. It has been studied that a small class is better for this type of student learner. SST recently met with a retention group from San Jose State University (SJSU), where the advising staff have data tools sorted by colleges, special programs, and an early alert system to track student progress. The campus is hoping to invest in one of these tools for advising staff by next summer and the tool is also used at the Berkeley campus. It is called Starfish and is interactive with photo ids. The alerts would be directed from faculty or advisors and will be distributed through eCommons.

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