

Student Services Council

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017

Attendees: Paz Clearwater, Rosemary Perkins, Justin Ford, Dani Trimble, Niki Walker, John Killian, Matt Johnson, Jodi Dahlke, Shannon Vantrease, Traci Fuller, Alexis Doble, Shalaina Williams, Karla Rivers, Carmilla Rollins, Jenny Smith, Crystal Heitz, Alyssa Mayclin, Jennifer Houge, Brittany Deal, Darren Schwegler, Jake Laes, Jill Yates, Kristy Gutierrez, Angel Ruvalcaba, Sue Orchard, Rosie Leno, Chad Meadors, Jon Jacobs, Lisa Wilkinson, Ale Sanchez, Joe Madden, Jason Arrowsmith, Eddie Smith, Anna Davis, Brittany Lovely, Anne Little, Leszek Cromwell

Welcome & Introductions

Kudos

DACA Overview:

DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals is an executive order signed by President Obama. This provides the following benefits: 1. Work authorization 2. Deportation protection 3. Social security number 4. Driver's license eligibility (not necessary in WA state).

Dreamers 101:

- Born outside of the US
- Are not legal, permanent residents or possess any other legal documentation
- Are often brought to the US as children not by choice
- Have lived in the US for a significant portion of their life
- Have been in or have graduated from the K12 education system

Washington State Initiatives for Dreamers:

-HB 1079: Enabled Dreamers to pay in-state tuition to attend Washington college and universities.

Eligibility Requirements: 1. Lived in WA state for 3 years immediately before receiving a high school diploma or a general equivalency degree. 2. Complete WAFSA instead of FAFSA (not both) which requires: parent income and asset information, if dependent student; student income and asset information; schools you are considering. Optional information: DACA social security number

-SB 6523 AKA Real Hope Act: The law expanded eligibility for the Washington State Need Grant to low-income, non-citizen students who meet the program's eligibility requirements and satisfy the residency criteria.

-Eligibility for College Bound Scholarship as of June 2015

Students wo/DACA:

- Get a legal screening to find out immigration legal options
- Learn and practice your rights if confronted by ICE
- Develop a family preparedness plan

Students w/DACA:

- If DACA expires between 9/5/2017-3/5/2018
 - File DACA renewal application before October 5, 2017
 - Find free or low-cost legal help
 - Save for the \$495 filing fee or find loans/grants to cover the fee
 - Make sure to complete and sign the correct forms
 - Make a timeline to submit your DACA renewal before October 5, 2017

Resources:

weareheretostay.org/resources

informedimmigrant.com/#

Defenddaca.com

What can colleges do for Dreamers with DACA status?

- Write letters to verify student's enrollment
- Provide recommendation letters on letterhead
- Transcripts
- Hire them! Students that have DACA can be hired as institutional hires
- Advocacy: help them make informed decisions

Roundtable:

TRiO: No updates

Retention: Petition for Academic Reinstatement process has changed, students will now contact Eddie directly after they fill out the petition form.

Registration: new hires - Brittany Deal is transcript evaluator; Rosemary Perkins transcript evaluator, Kara McElroy program coordinator; two new positions are being filled.

Advising: Kristy Gutierrez is new Ed Planner. Please update directory information. NSO was amazing - thank you to all who helped out.

Testing: "New Life" is a good movie to watch

Running Start: NA

VP: next meeting will feature healthy workspace

Counseling: NA

Op Grant: NA

Transitional Studies: Mayor will be speaking on 9/28 about supporting basic education.

ASLCC: for events, give Justin a few days notice to put on reader board. Jacob invited everyone to the ASLCC meeting and ASLCC is teaming up with Esther Sexton to do suicide awareness training in the student center.

Americorp: here to help connect students with on and off campus resources, located in the career center.

Worker Retraining: Pay it Forward cards are available to recognize a co-worker.

Career Center: Volunteer Fair is today (9/26) great opportunity for students to gain experience and include it on their resume, it is open to the community. There is also a new program 10/10 called Spotlight that will highlight particular companies - all events are on the Career Center Calendar.

Finance: NA

Financial Aid: There are a few new hires in the department and they are focusing on awarding students as fast as they can. Two new positions will be opening for Veterans work study, if you know of anyone, let Lisa Wilkinson know and she can give an application. October 1st, FAFSA applications can be filled out.

International Program: work study students are available through the International program, let Anna know and they can provide work study help.

Next Student Services Council will be October 24th @ 9am.

Meeting Adjourned