

Matriculation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2008

Present: Sharon Drake, Daniela Grecu Mc Carson, Pam Kollar, Cynthia Acosta, Daniel Vega, Edward Alvarez, Dr. Low, Dr. Loewenstein, Mark Lewis, Natalie Aceves

- **Introductions and Welcome:** Dr. Low welcomed everyone and announced this meeting as the last meeting for this fiscal year.
- **An Overview of Matriculation:** Dr. Low gave an overview of Matriculation. Matriculation is about student success - history goes back to late 90's. It has developed into a strong force and at times well funded. Site visits are now coming back beginning this fall with visits that will encompass all of student services - including matriculation.
- **The College Plan Components/ MAC Membership:** Dr. Low encouraged the committee to identify individuals from each of matriculation's key component areas as standing committee members. The Committee should always be open to anyone who wishes to attend, however, by having a set of standing members the committee can better engage key individuals and insure program continuity and improvement from semester to semester and year to year. Because Matriculation is largely a student services function, the new dean should probably either be a committee co-chair, or at least a standing member of the committee.
- **Marketing Matriculation:** Marketing Matriculation to faculty is important, so everyone understands what it is, how it works and how the various components are all related to each other. Faculty are more aware of some components than others, but totally unaware of some aspects of matriculation – and with not a great awareness of how all the components relate to each other. Individual faculty, for example, have not been sold on the value of "early alert". The spring early alert statistics gathered to date were discussed. Student Services and instructional faculty need to work together in understanding early alert and implementing improvements to the process.
- **Matrix newsletter:** distributed Matrix article. Maria thanked Dr. Loewenstein for his contribution.
- **Open discussion:** Daniel Vega shared the idea of starting an AOC Pilot this summer affecting the AOC sequence. The idea is to flip flop the order, providing Orientation first followed by Counseling then Assessment. Dr. Lowenstein approved the idea and it will be piloted this summer during four sessions. Data will be gathered to determine the effectiveness of the adjusted sequence and whether or not it improves student success rates. Daniel will coordinate with Assessment, Counseling, Matriculation and Greg Aycock.

Daniela Grecu shared the idea of collaborating with various departments to provide H.S. students with a newsletter to help them understand the process of starting college.

Dr. Loewenstein encouraged all departments to collect data and to use data to demonstrate that services provided are correlated with student success.

- Future Meetings – Next fiscal year
- Adjourn

Next meeting: TBD