

Mt. San Antonio College
DSP&S Advisory Committee Meeting
May 10, 2013, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Facilitators: Grace Hanson, Don Potter, and Julie Bradley

Present: Debi Anderson, Petra Briones, Jill Cyhaniuk, DeeJay Santiago for Granda Lourdes, Tye Griffith, Daney Hill, Jacqueline Hogarth, Heidi Lockhart, Livier Martinez, Chong Hee Min, LeRoy Nattress, Melanie Straughan, Christine Sun, Terry Veal, Debbie Williams, and Tara Jones

Notetaker: Carole Stevens

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Welcome and introductions - Don

Review of Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve minutes: Melanie Straughan, 1st and Daney Hill 2nd the motion. Minutes approved

Department Updates - Grace

Grace advised that one of DSPS' goals is to reduce paper and go to a paperless process. One of DSPS' staff members is working with Information Technology (IT) in developing a case management system. The time invested in this project will pay off by making us more efficient in the future.

Last meeting we were hoping the Prop 30 would pass to benefit the Community Colleges. As we know it passed and has benefited the College as a result.

CAPED is advocating to restore funds to programs that were cut several years ago. The bill (SB 705) is backed by assembly members. They are also advocating to restore 1st tier registration for DSPS and EOPS students (SB595).

Debbie Williams expressed concern that other students with 1st tier registration have accountability to maintain their priority registration. Throughout the semester professors are asked to give progress reports to the programs on students' progress. She would like the opportunity to provide feedback to our program about our students. Grace explained that with the Student Success Act, DSPS students will have to be accountable in order to maintain their priority registration. It was also conveyed that currently 50% of DSPS students take advantage of their priority registration date.

Department Updates - Don

Don advised there is an Administrative Procedure (AP) in place that states any event on campus that shows videos must be captioned and the captions must be turned on. There is a separate AP for classes that states captions only have to be turned on if they receive a letter from us stating this is an accommodation for a student in their class. We opposed this AP as we wanted captions on at all times without students having to disclose their disability. We are making one last attempt to try and revise this AP. Students have been advised to report any video shown in their classes that the captions are not turned on.

Don stated that he attended the East San Gabriel Transition Night. This was a combined event for multiple high schools. It was well attended. Don stated that if possible we would try and attend future events where there were multiple high schools attending. Unfortunately, we just do not have the staffing to attend events for every high school.

Department Updates - Silva

Silva joined the group to report on a focus group we had in April about Accommodated Student Testing. Testing continues to be a huge struggle for us due to the amount of tests we accommodate every year and the numbers keep growing. Dialog consisted of struggles that professors encounter in trying to accommodate their own students as well as struggles DSPS faces with limited resources: proctors, coordination, and space. There needs to be ongoing discussion regarding this topic and she is looking into an online discussion board to continue the dialog. It was noted that President Scroggins is in support of establishing a testing center for the College.

DSPS and Associated Students is hosting guest speaker, Jonathan Mooney on June 5, 1:30-3:00 in Building 28A, Room 103. Mr. Mooney speaks from first hand experience of the encounters he faced as a student with disabilities. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend his inspiring presentation.

Department Updates - Julie

Events for Disability Celebration Month in October are still being finalized. There will be workshops offered and a silent auction. We are accepting donations for our silent auction. This years theme is still planned as a pirate theme.

Follow-up from Last Meeting - Julie

We are still working to update our promotional materials especially new photographs.

We are in the process of creating new courses that will hopefully be available starting Fall, 2014. Courses will include: an Orientation to DSPS (pre counseling 1 course) and a Deaf Language course that is AMLA and Sign approved.

There are upcoming changes to the ability for students to take DSPS courses more than once. Currently our students can take some of our courses multiple times. The repeatability of our courses are now in question.

Social Networking – Julie announce that we have a DSPS Facebook page and she is currently piloting it with 60+ deaf students. The goal is to launch the page effective July 1, 2013.

DSPS will have an all day department planning day on June 17. Are there questions or concerns that we can address and discuss? Questions or concerned can be sent to Don Potter at dpotter@mtsac.edu.

Round Table Discussion

The question was asked if DSPS students could lose services. Yes. There are some situations where students who once received services from us are no longer eligible for services. Some disabilities are temporary and

once the verification has expired, we can no longer provide services; annual paperwork requirements are not met; or services could be suspended for misuse of services.

It was brought to our attention that the flyer for the Information Sessions needs to be sent out earlier. It is sent out too late and many of the dates/times are already full.

Our annual Planning for College Night will be on October 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m. A flyer will be sent out shortly.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2013, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Ragan Room. Please mark your calendars.

Meeting adjourned: 10:35 a.m.