



FACCC Counselors Committee Meeting Notes

October 6, 2023

2023-2024 Committee Goals (continued from September 22nd Meeting)

Notable Committee Action Item: Six committee members: Dr Rene Lozano-El Camino College, Dr Steve Bautista-Santa Ana College, Dr. Yvonne Portillo-Golden West College and Dr. Sara Nieves-Lucas-Santa Monica College, Dr Cynthia Mosqueda-El Camino College, Carlos Maruri-Compton College and the Region 8 meeting coordinator (Brittany Lundeen, Transfer Center Coordinator, Cerritos College) submitted a rebuttal letter to Governor Gavin Newsome on September 12, 2023

**** Laura Alarcon was assigned as a board liaison to the counseling committee effective the October 2023 meeting and was present.**

All board members were present at the October meeting

**** New Meeting Notes are Indicated in Red Below:**

- 1) Proactively explore legislative ideas to address equity-minded policies that will directly help disproportionately impacted (low income, first gen, POC, undocumented, etc.) students with:
 - a. Transition from High School to Community College
 - b. Course Completion Rates
 - c. Retention
 - d. Transfer Achievement
- 2) Grade Alleviation Legislation
 - a. Academic Renewal
 - b. Repeat Petitions
 - i. ACTION ITEMS:
 1. Review Title V Ed Code to determine what is written about grade alleviation system-wide policies
 2. Examine region's (Region 7 and Region 8 local interpretations
 3. Advocacy at respective CC's at academic senate, ed policies committees, etc.
 4. Advocate for a state-wide policy (research); intentionally vague for local control; updates to title V
 5. Write a resolution to take stand and advocate
 6. Meet with assembly and senate rep in your campus service area
 7. Schedule a legislative visit (maybe during A& P weekend) to pitch the committees' legislative stand
- 3) AB928 CalGeTC Removal of Area E Counseling courses: Actionable Ideas to address it:
 - a. Modify curriculum to strengthen current courses to potentially count as Area 4 courses on CALGETC
 - b. Create non-credit certificates (successful at some CC's, not at others)
 - c. Offer self-development counseling courses via Dual Enrollment programs

- d. Incorporate courses into first-year, learning communities/cohorting programs (i.e., FYE, PUENTE/UMOJA, EOP/s, etc)
 - e. **Counseling Human Services AA degree that will be housed within the counseling division**
- 4) Partnerships with CSU Golden 4 and UC 7 course pattern courses (SMC will share successful strategies) ; embedded counseling within English Comp/English Comp support courses (ed planning appointments)-funded by academic affairs; addresses AB 705 issues
- a. **creation of a 1-unit or .5 unit counseling courses that can institutionalize embedded counseling)**
 - b. **propose that a 1 unit “transfer” counseling course be taught at more community colleges (currently taught at El Camino College and other CA CC’s)**
- 5) Examine interpretation and implementation of continuous enrollment and catalog rights
- 6) **New Date for Virtual Counselor’s Conference in Spring 2024: Wednesday, March 13th, 2023 due to date conflicting A2Mend March 6th Conference**
- a. Inequitable Practices Theme
 - b. Breakout Sessions
 - i. Best Practices/Advocacy Strategies
 - ii. Equity Issues (i.e., Grade Alleviation Session)
 - iii. Legislative Issues/Ideas
 - iv. **Counseling Courses (curriculum creation)**
 - v. **Counselor Self Care**
- 7) **Michelle Hittleman presented research about how Mission College implemented non-credit certificates that incorporate non-credit counseling courses.**

Action Items: (will provide update to all committee members at November meeting)

Rene: Propose A & P Conference Session to FACCC Board

Yvonne/Carlos: Review Title V Language regarding grade alleviation (AR policy)

Steve: Facebook Counselor Group survey regarding local policies/practices

John/Sara: Provide a draft of the resolution (counselor committee stand)

Rene: research ideal legislator options for legislative visits and provide talking points

All: meet with local rep in campus areas (assembly and senate) (i.e, Fong- educator friendly); past political action committee champs