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VETERANS UPWARD BOUND GRANT

The Veterans Resource Center recently submitted a five-year \$1.28 million grant application to the U.S. Department of Education to initiate a Veterans Upward Bound program at Las Positas College. The grant would provide additional counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and academic instruction to an additional 125 veteran students to increase the number of veteran students who enroll and complete a certificate, associate degree, or transfer to a four-year university. A formal response from the U.S. Department of Education is expected in August 2017. I would like to thank Dean Sylvia Rodriguez, Todd Steffan, Vicki Shipman, and Frances DeNisco for their hard work and dedication for drafting and submitting the grant application.

UMOJA

Beginning in fall 2017, Las Positas College will be initiating a new learning community called UMOJA with the aim to empower students, implement culturally responsive practices, and prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The initiative is being financially sponsored by the Student Equity Program (SEP) to help address disproportionate impact on historically underrepresented groups with an emphasis on African-American students. Students who would like to join UMOJA are encouraged to contact Kimberly Burks for more information.

ELLUCIAN RECRUIT

Las Positas College will soon launch Ellucian Recruit, computer software to assist the College meet student enrollment goals. Ellucian Recruit will allow the College to create automated and personalized online communication with prospective students from inquiry through course registration. Communication will highlight key matriculation deadlines, publicize important events, and connect College entities with targeted student populations to maximize results. Many thanks to Dean Sylvia Rodriguez, Mike Alvarez, Cindy Balero, Jesus Bravo-Morales, and Jeff Lawes for their participation in helping launch this new initiative.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **July 4th**
Independence Day
- **July 11th**
Spotlight Series -
BHAWK Division
- **July 25th**
Spotlight Series -
CATSS Division
- **July 27th**
Student Services Annual
Planning Meeting



DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The current recruitment for the Dean of Student Services position has been suspended. A new recruitment will be initiated in the coming weeks. It is our intention to hire an Interim Dean of Student Services to assist us through December 2017. This information is subject to change contingent on the recruitment. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of transition. More information to be forthcoming.

TUTOR TRAC

The Tutorial Center has been granted permission to purchase TutorTrac, computer software to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the center. TutorTrac will allow the Tutorial Center to automate the recording of student visits, help connect students with tutors, allow students to schedule appointments with tutors, and assist with the generation of reports. TutorTrac is being purchased with funds from the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) grant. Thank you to Pauline Trummel and Rafael Valle for collaborating on this initiative.

SERVICE AREA OUTCOMES

In accordance with accreditation standards, all student services entities are required to have Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) also known as Service Area Outcomes (SAOs) in order to help ensure continuous improvement in the delivery of support services to students regardless of the mode or location of instruction. Beginning this summer, all student services entities will be asked to evaluate current SAOs to ensure their accuracy, review assessment methods, and develop plans to engage in thorough discussion on how we may continue to improve our services to students. All student services entities will be asked to have at least three SAOs for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

WORKABILITY III

In June 2017, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees approved an extension of a current three-year agreement with the State of California, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and Las Positas College “to combine staff and resources in the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to DOR clients.” Las Positas College remains committed to serving community members who are disabled and desire job preparation to enter the workforce. Thank you to Terrence Thompson and Jim Gioia for their collaboration to support our community.

NEWS FROM THE TEAM

Do you have an upcoming event, a new initiative, or news that you would like to share with our Student Services team? I am happy to consider your recommendations for future issues of our newsletter. Please e-mail your information to wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu.

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