



Guided Pathways Meeting Notes
Friday, March 24, 2023



- HS Counselor Conference: How did it go?
- Maker Faire in April: What's our plan?
- Guided Pathways 2022-23 Work Plan (Chancellor's Office)
- August Welcome Day:
 - GPS-focused sessions?
 - Virtual offerings?

How are you doing Deb and Carlos with retirement on the horizon – counting down the days. Carlos – it was a challenging Fall and has also been a challenging Spring, so definitely focusing in on the home stretch. Deb shared that it's 62 days today, so definitely counting down.



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Guided Pathways WorkPlan

- Melissa met with VP Neely and VP Williams
 - It's not a document that needs to be completed as a group... Melissa can draft it and then share with Lisa and add things
 - In talking with the VP's it's a checklist that the college utilizes to check themselves
 - It's strange, b/c it asks us to respond in percentages about things that can't be calculated by percentages. And asks if you're leaning into the activity and then asks to describe what you're doing via narrative.
 - It seems like a means for the Chancellor's Office to help us to keep ourselves accountable but not for a specific purpose
- Melissa will be working with the VP's as she attempts to complete the forms
 - Some positive news: funding for Guided Pathways increased
 - In previous years, the monies were much less. But the money that is in there for fiscal year 2023 – it was in the high \$200,000 coupled with funds that we have not utilized that will be added to this. We have almost \$300,000 in our existing budget and we've not really done a great deal with the money aside from paying coordinators. Unfortunately, we can't anticipate what next year will look like:
 - BUT... this means we should have funds for Fall Welcome Day to work with
- **Guided Pathways Coordinators?**
 - Also need to get clarity with Guided Pathways coordinators going forward.
 - Officially, the positions end in May. Currently, Melissa is talking with Lisa about what the responsibilities of coordinators will be going forward.
 - Maybe we need GPS people part of support teams
 - Carlos – there is a lot of changes that are coming down the pipe for Common Course numbering & the CSU IGETC stuff will be happening as well.
 - Kristin – all the Maps still need to be update and things need to be connected in Tassle.
 - We need to make sure it's right so that when DegreeWorks goes live – it would need work.
 - If folks are overseeing the Pathways then coordinators will need to know and reach out to the faculty and make sure it gets done.
 - It really needs to be a joint meeting: Dean, Counselors, Faculty and Coordinators



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- Could Curriculum reps also be GPS Coordinators – since they are often not compensated
- Guided Pathways coordinators thoughts:
 - Originally, wanted to build communities around different majors and support them
 - CRM – Slate
 - Interact is the broader Marketing
 - How do we ensure that Guided Pathways are represented in those efforts
 - How students view the college
 - Piece together a new draft of the position
 - Should we do MetaMajor + 2 counselors
 - Another idea was organized by Pillars
 - And then the counselors would be more responsible with updating the maps and
 - Kelvin, since we've laid the foundation – we can try different
 - What structure will we be moving forward with?
 - Will we need to have Coordinators and recruit 7 people with 20% reassign time?
 - It's Coordinator hiring season so we should probably get on with it
 - Do we have coordinators in mind is more outreach or
 - If we revise around the Pillars – then we need to be very specific
 - Let's look at the job description
 - I believe that it did work with the 3 pillars
 - It's important to
 - CalGETC – the CSU system is launching an app so that Community College students can be tracking their progress toward transfer – will be available with the target date: Fall 2023
 - We've all been feeling the need for this and it's exactly what we were hoping DegreeWorks would do for the students.
 - Transfer institutions need to help us transfer and CalGETC and Common Course numbers are what is underway for that.
 - Guided Pathways is the point people for these conversations as well



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- Curriculum ties is very important – maybe we can try to grab people that are already curriculum reps and get some reassign time.
 - If we move on with this structure – we need 4 new coordinators – targeted recruiting.
 - Melissa will connect with Lisa on Wednesday and get job description and strategy
- August Welcome Day
 - Melissa has been charged with the lead with creating a short summer bridge program
 - That program is probably focused on building community and college readiness
 - Also need a Welcome Day for all students and would culminate
 - Last August, we did the Online event
 - Similar to the event we did back in 2019
 - Hoping that this can be the focus of the meetings going forward
 - Had 3 rounds of breakout sessions
 - Financial Aid
 - College Readiness
 - Student support/Clubs
 - Guided Pathways Sessions with Meta Major areas talking about their specific programs
 - Who within our faculty can we get involved and get commitments?
 - Possibly Wednesday, August 9th
 - Would be great to have the schedule and the team ready in the next month of so
 - Kristin – people will be back in the office and available to help
- **August Welcome Day Ideas:**
 - looking at what we did in 2019
 - Should we have an virtual event or record it? Student interest?
 - Laura – likes the idea to be on campus; the new students are looking for face to face classes while they are on campus.



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- Kristin reminded us - Will always have students that can only attend online but perhaps we can do a compilation of recording of sessions.
 - It depends on what the sessions are and make it good quality. Per Kristin, there are still students that are primarily online. However, if there are offices and resources, there are still things available for the students and then push it.
 - We can also push it out on the website so that students can see it.
 - **Tours** – students could do tour and it was designed by the student

 - **Key August Welcome Day Questions:**
 - What is the goal to event and what are we trying to accomplish?
 - What are we trying to do with the parents?
 - If we put a program similar to what we did in 2019 and we can do something related to MetaMajors.
 - FOR STUDENTS:
 - What's the next level that my brain can absorb? We need to hit the students at the right time?
 - If we try to give everybody all the information, they wont remember. They will remember what they are focused on
 - Kristin shared: We had 85 students from VacaHigh and this is all with the goal of giving the students as much info as we could, but the high school counselors felt like it might be information overload
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- ❖ **ACTION ITEM:**
 - Melissa get info about April 22 event
 - Who should we recruit for the Fall Welcome Day program?
 - Who wants to come and speak to the students?
 - We likely know who the usual people are – likely the people that did it last time?
 - Keep it on Wednesday