



## Guided Pathways Meeting Notes Friday, January 20, 2023



### GPS Meeting Notes

Melissa is back in the classroom and it's been a good reminder to see the students we hope to serve in Guided Pathways. The students come from varied backgrounds and experiences and are really not familiar with how to navigate the system.

Don't have an agenda today. But Melissa did meet with VP Neeley on Wednesday 1/18/2023 to talk about Guided Pathways being moved under Student Services based on what we are doing. Originally, GPS fell under the umbrella of the Academic Affairs side, given the early focus on pathway maps. But as we focus more on getting students "on the path, staying on the path and completing the path" our activities appear to lean more toward the Student Services side of things.

The way we separate GPS at Solano is under coordinators representing various areas of study. In meeting with Dean Rexford he mentioned that the College of Siskiyous separated their Guided Pathways Team by the 4 Pillars rather than Meta Majors. Additionally, every employee at the college was assigned to a Pillar that their roles/responsibility fed into the student pathway.

- Four Pillars - seems like an idea to consider as we move forward to really involve everyone campus wide to engage more of the faculty/staff.
- [Reminder of the four pillars](#)

#### **SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS:**

Two big things on the agenda for the semester. This team will be instrumental in planning the following events:

- Spring Event in May
- Summer Orientation
  - This is also an Equity Plan project
  - Talking with VP Neeley how GP and the Equity Plan align with one another
  - The Equity Plan has more funding to support events for the students

#### **GPS Team Meetings**

- Patricia reminded us that VP Neeley also has Blue Sky Meetings scheduled on the first and third of the month; however, these meetings are not required, so hopefully our GPS team will prioritize our meetings
- We will try to find a date/time that will work with most people and possibly also have student participation and involvement.



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### FLEX SESSION:

Going into the Flex Session in January - Melissa met with Jesus and Alfredo in preparation

- Originally had been talking @ having an event on May 5 and having schools send their students to Solano. But we weren't sure if schools would be willing to release their students for the event and transportation might also be a barrier to participation
- Deb introduced the idea that it is really great to get parents along with their students to campus. In the past, they also shared that CTE on Sunday afternoons has been really well attended. The weekend seems to have more advantages and less challenges.
- The biggest challenge for the weekend would likely be persuading the college people to be here.
- The weekend we identified was, Sunday afternoon, May 7, 2023

More ideas for the events:

### May

Deb & team seems to have been successful with their past CTE event, which was a community event held on a weekend. While we still have Deb on board, we should utilize her expertise.

We didn't want to combine our event with the Maker Faire because that event attracts a lot of families with young children. The GPS is really for incoming Solano Students.

Maybe it makes sense to feature CTE program on the same day of the Maker Faire?  
Then our separate event for HS students could feature the Academic Pathways?

### **Orientation (Summer Bridge)**

Different groups/clubs have specific orientations that are prepared. For example, MESA Program will be coming up in April and they have a specific orientation that is catered to the STEM students. Carlos suggested that we figure out if there is a way to create a general orientation that will be valuable for everyone. Then, we could possibly have two days of summer orientation will be general and then the last day could be specific.

Try to get everything coordinated so that students don't have to choose and fold them in: MESA, EOPS, SOAR, Puente.

Melissa reminded the team that they should keep in mind as we align with the Equity Plan - we are targeting a specific ethnic population: African American Students. Ideally, we need to figure out how we make events that are available to a wider group of students but simultaneously support African American Students enrollments.



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Ensure that information about the support groups that are directly linked to African American Students are sent out and available during the orientation process so students have what they might need. Perhaps send out special communication to students who identify as Black or African American.

These projects should be built to be universal while amplifying support to race-specific populations.

### **MARKETING IDEAS:**

Patricia suggested seeing what ASSC doing for Cinco de Mayo weekend and getting their participation? It may also be a good idea to get students involved. The students involved in ASSC are really engaged and enthusiastic. Melissa is going to try to get ASSC student representation and involvement in the planning.

Local radio station? KUIC – they have promoted and come out for previous events. Requires a contract; there was a charge for it but they did a lot and livened up the events.

Channel 26 TV Station run by our Professors on campus and our studio

Counselor network through BASECAMP on Thursday, March 9th -

Melissa will reach out to Kristin and it will be key to get the information out. Need to get a firm plan in place and be clear about who our target audience is. Flyers need to be produced and be prepared for the meeting as we are making the plans. Will anyone be available to present to the counselors on the 9<sup>th</sup>?

Where to ask for student involvement in planning: students might be on the payroll and/or volunteers:

- ASSC Students
- Human Collective (Wellness Space)
- LGTBQ organization
- Puente
- A2MEND & Imani
- Phi Theta Kappa (did not participate but we should)
- Tutors in the ASTC - giving campus tours
- MESA - Stem Club

Potential Dates for Bridge program - August 8-9 or perhaps that week

August 10/11 - Flex Day

August 14 - Classes start

Jesus can see 60% - 70% would complete the application and he can see where the students are. It seems like we should be able to do better. Counseling is doing a lot of the EdPlan Workshops to help.

One of our projects could possibly be a video presentation with regard to the application.



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**ACTION ITEMS:**

- ❖ Summer Bridge and Welcome Program
- ❖ March 9th - creating materials to promote
- ❖ Reaching out to Student Leadership Groups
- ❖ Media - local radio and our own TV