# GROSSMONT COLLEGE
## Student Services Council (SSC)
### MINUTES
#### Monday, October 1, 2018
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Distance Learning Room (70-066)

**Attendees**

- Asma AbuShadi, Tech Programs Manager/IT
- Jason Allen, UMOJA Counselor, Coordinator
- Susan Berry, Student Engagement Coordinator
- Patrice Braswell, A.R.C. Coordinator
- Mario Chacon, Associate Dean of EOPS/CARE/CAFYES & CalWORKs
- Michael Copenhaver, Director Financial Aid
- Dr. Marsha Gable, Vice President, Student Services
- Gabrielle Gosselin, CalWORKs Counselor/Coordinator
- Tate Hurvitz, Academic Senate President
- Karolia Macias, SSSP Counselor/Coordinator
- Renee Nasori, Career Services Supervisor
- Juan Reyna, Title V Director
- Luma Shamon, Interim Front Supervisor
- Michael Toral, PUENTE Counselor, Coordinator
- Heriberto Vasquez, Outreach Coordinator
- Graylin Clavell, Recorder
- MariaDenise Aceves, Counselor/Articulation
- Caroline Althaus, College Cashier
- Wayne Branker, Admissions and Records Supervisor
- James Canady, Counselor/Chair
- Martha Clavell, Dean of Counseling Services
- Dave Evans, Acting Associate Athletics Dean
- Barbara Gallego, Acting Director of Student Activities
- Daniel Hernandez, Financial Aid Supervisor
- Pearl Lopez, EOPS Counselor/Instructor/Chair
- Sarah Moore, Transfer Center Coordinator
- Dr. Lida Rafia, Assistant Dean of Student Success & Equity
- Matthew Ring, Mental Health Counselor
- Aaron Starck, Dean of Admissions & Records, & Financial Aid
- Sara Varghese, Dean, Student Affairs
- Courtney Williams, Associate Dean of Student Services & SSSP
- Diana Barajas, Financial Aid Literacy

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<td>1. Student Success/Initiative Matrix (Dean Martha Clavelle)</td>
<td>Dean Clavelle started the meeting at 1:40pm with the discussion of what ways is Grossmont going to be operationally affected by the six major initiatives coming down the pike, and how do they work together to address the vision for success. Before we can dive into creating an operational matrix for the Student Services division and as they relate to each of our departments, let’s start dialogue on this topic and decide how this information will impact our departments. Dean Clavelle handed out a power point (see attached) used at the Counseling Department retreat which has a section on Vision for Success. Please take a look at the information so that when we reconvene at the next meeting on November 5th the committee can have a deeper dialogue about this topic and possible next steps to take.</td>
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<td>2. Financial Literacy (Diana Barajas)</td>
<td>Diana Barajas announced an October 30th event discussing tips and tricks on personal finance to students, staff, and faculty from 9:30am-1:30pm in Griffin Gate. Training includes tips on investing, balancing debt, budgeting and more (flier attached). Diana and Laura Sahagun, a substitute financial aid advisor, are taking the WISE certification test on October 31st to enable them to train the trainers here on campus regarding personal finance. WISE is a nationally known certification. Diana is currently looking into integrating financial literacy into program orientations like FYE, SIP, UMOJA, and PUENTE as well Math and Business programs. Diana is looking at different online software</td>
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April is Financial Literacy month and Diana is looking to have a whole month of financial literacy activities and workshops, including partnering with Renee Nasori in Career Services and other departments on some of them.

Renee Nasori mentioned that Career Services also does a financial literacy budgeting workshop once a semester as well that includes a financial coach from a local credit union to assist.

1. **Career Services (Renee Nasori):** Renee Nasori gave a reminder of the Career Services’ 40th Career Expo (October 10th 10am-2pm) with over 90 employers with part-time, full-time, internship, and volunteer positions available along with interviews for some employers taking place that day.

2. **Student Engagement (Susan Berry):** Last month alone the food pantry gave out over 300 meals last month while only being open from 10am-2pm four days a week, and students are only allowed to go once a week. The pantry is in need of food and toiletry donations.

Susan gave the following statistics of those top four groups that are using the food pantry:

1) EOPS = 48% of the users
2) Student Athletes = 20% of users
3) Cal-Works = 14% of users
4) Student Veterans = 13% of users

Identity/Ethnicity break down:
1) LatinX community = 35% of users
2) African American/ Black = 28% of users
3) White/ Caucasian = 26%
4) Asian American Pacific Islander = 11%

EOPS students makes up half the people that use the food pantry, followed by student athletes at 20%. Student veterans come in 4th at 13%. Students between the ages 19-21 make up the largest population utilizing the food pantry, but also have some in their 50s as well.

The numbers of those being served with the food pantry are higher than last year, and looking at a walk-in pantry type of structure.

Susan is looking at ways to provide information on expiration dates. As for food that the food pantry provides to those in need, Susan notified the committee that the meals they provide usually consists of vegetables, tuna, and other items that can be microwaved. Fruit, protein bars, and a breakfast item like a breakfast bar or oatmeal are also included. Currently, students can just stop by Student Engagement for a snack and free coffee and tea.

Students have stopped by the food pantry as some faculty make it part of their curriculum which is great news. Susan provides those students with a presentation on housing, and food insecurities and how it impacts colleges. Students from these classes usually conduct a food drive to assist the food pantry.
Student Engagement is teaming up with Feeding San Diego to start free farmers markets on campus for those students in need.

Student Engagement is also getting a refrigerator in the Common ground.

The State of California Chancellor’s Office contacted Susan and asked what Grossmont has been doing regarding food insecurities. Last year the State had $2 million to give to schools to aid in food insecurities and Grossmont received $30k. This year the State has roughly $10 million to assist schools.

CalFresh workshops will start up very soon.

In November Susan is looking to do a Basic Needs Fair for the students in the quad.

Karolia Macias suggested having the food pantry open once a month or something in the evening hours. What would it take to create an evening station but does not require a full bodied staff and other departments open. Susan suggested possibly doing a 3pm-6pm day.

3. Transfer Center (Sarah Moore): Sarah Moore began her update of the Transfer Center with an Information event that PLNU is putting together regarding all 8 of their programs on October 18th at 6pm at San Diego City College in Room MS162 (1313 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101). Please see the flier attached. Counselors and students are welcome.

Grossmont Transfer Center’s Transfer Fair is this Wednesday, October 3rd from 10am-1pm with over 50 schools attending!

UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine will be doing the following workshops after the Transfer Fair:
- UC Presentation on Admissions Requirements, TAG, PIQs given by UCI rep (Oct 3, 1:30-2:30, Bldg 36-329)
- UC Presentation on Admission, TAP, TAG and course planning as well as UCSB career prep, research experience and res life given by UCSB rep (Oct 3, 3:30-4:30, Bldg 55-524)

CAL State Apply opened up today.

SDSU will only take changes to the applications until November 30th.

UCSB Student Appointments available 1:30-3:30 (Call Transfer Center to schedule an appointment).

4. Title V (Juan Reyna): On Wednesday, October 3rd Title V is hosting a Know Your Rights Workshop from 5pm-6pm in Griffin Gate, and is open to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, November 5, 2018, 1:30pm-3:30 pm, Distance Learning Room (70-066)