Minutes
Porterville College/MTA/DDC Advisory Board Meeting
April 29, 2015

Those in attendance: Mimi Stoneburner, Kelsey Simpson, Patty Aquino, Sam Aunai, Jim Carson, Val Garcia, Jay Navarette, Nate Wallis, Ruben Alvarez, Mimi Schuler

Meeting called to order 4:04 PM

Welcome, introductions, and site reports:

Schuler reported that the April 17 Mentors Conference went well hosting 560 students and 70. The DDC breakout session was facilitated by Edgar Blunt for Career Pillars located in Fresno, hiring practices Rick Elkins from the Porterville Recorder. The MTA breakout session was facilitated Professor James Thompson from Porterville College, Keith Kizziar Air Traffic Controller and MHS graduate among other information specialists. Special guest speakers include Richard Morris and Kopi Sotoropolis.

Garcia shared that the Financial Aid Department hosted the PC Connection event for local high school seniors on Thursday, April 16, 2015 on the Porterville College campus. This event allowed high school seniors to register for fall 2015 classes. Approximately 250 students were enrolled and seen by a counselor. This process was developed to front-load student from the high schools. This event proved an outstanding collaborative effort between education institutions to pre-enroll student for college.

Richard Smith shared he is working with Jim Carson toward Monache’s MTA program of student articulating with Porterville College Information System’s courses. PC is in the process of updating the Information System courses to ensure transferable credits to the UC and USC campuses.

Gregg Snyder discussed a recent conference MTA staff attended, learning what Dinuba is doing around project based learning with academy students. The Mentoring Breakfast is a venue for freshman-industry partners to meet student and participate in mini interviews with the possibility for a job shadowing experience to follow. Further discussion about the Mentors Breakfast at Monache will be developed by newly formed committee of volunteers: Gregg Snyder, Sam Aunai, Nate Wallis, and Mimi Schuler.

Val Garcia provided an update stating that the PC Math Department has agreed to accept EAP Math for placement.

Jim Carson provided an update on revamping Information System Transfer degree. Porterville College has decreased the unit value of the popular INFS P100 class from 4 to 3. This impacts the total units in the degree. Since the universities allow only 3 units of transfer for this class, it made sense to change it. Porterville College is also seeking qualified Information Systems instructors. The adjunct pool is not sufficient at this time. Qualified applicants need a master’s degree or equivalent.

Kelsey Simpson presented the Daily Roar, a student produced and managed website with links to GTV broadcasts and campus news. Others offerings on site include staff and student forms, information and calendar of events, and opinion articles. Advisory board members are invited to visit and provide comments in the feedback section.
Ruben Alvarez shared information on the student interviews that take place for all pathway eleventh graders. MTA completed interviews with a very positive review from participating panelists. Students were much better prepared and resumes improved overall in comparison to previous years. DDC interviews take place March 5 and Lynn Lassotovitch and Val Garcia volunteered to sit as panelists.

Adjourned 4:55 PM