



**California Community Colleges
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Friday, February 21, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Folsom Lake College, Folsom, CA

Participants: Omar Orihuela, Dr. Fabio Gonzalez (A), Danita Scott (A), Matt Fox, Yesenia Balcazar (A), Rejoice Chavira, Kintay Johnson, Libby Cook, Wanda Bynum (A) April Henderson, Thom Gaxiola, Cesar Flores (Z), Tracye Jones (A), Efren Rangel (Z), Jennifer Flores, Leticia Diaz, Pamela Brogdon (A), Tracey Hickey (A) and Cristal Arredondo

- I. Meeting was called to order by Omar Orihuela at 9:05 a.m.
- II. Role Call.
- III. Approval of Agenda
Add data collection and association website- Matt
Add Association Student Leadership Confernece-Cesar
Motion to approve amended agenda: Thom/Kintay
- IV. Approval of Minutes: approved by Thom/Kintay- need to correct typos
- V. Public Comments

No public comments
- VI. Officer's Reports
 - o President- Omar Orihuela

Omar shared that the Fall 2019 conference was awesome. We had great speakers and the content of the conference celebrated our 50 year anniversary. It was wonderful to have past CO staff attend the conference.

Attended the November BOG meeting with Kintay and Libby. Received recognition from BOG. Will include newsletter that research shows EOPS has higher retention transfer rates and critical in advancing vision of success. Omar stated that receiving the acknowledgement was due to the advocacy work that everyone did.

Attended regional coordinators meeting on January 13, 2020. Rhonda, Mia, Talia Marroquin shared CO website. Work has been slow to make sure all documents are ADA accessible.

Discussion on how difficult it is to find information about EOPS on the CO website. EOPS is not under Educational Services and Support. EOPS is listed under CalWORKs. Request that EOPS and DSPS be placed under Educational Services.

Jillian Luis is on maternity leave. Karen Baker is the sub for Jillian while also doing CalWORKs. Thalia Marroquin is the support for region D. Karen will respond to emails within 24 hours.

Chancellor's Office will not be offering a Spring training due to limited staffing and resources. Offering Implicit Bias training. - no staffing or resources to put together, doing Implicit Bias training instead. Encouraging staff to attend the Implicit Bias training which meets CARE coordinator meeting requirement.

Fabio volunteered to do spring training and provided an agenda. Fabio contacted hotels in San Jose and got a quote but the dates were not the greatest. Didn't receive responses regarding the training so there will be no training organized and chaired by Fabio.

Discussion regarding the importance of having a spring training. Possible volunteers to do the training.? Can CO provide the support in planning of event and association will coordinate the content of the training? Possible webinars? Funding from set aside funds?

Discussion regarding who pays for a faculty member who is on sabbatical leave. Does EOPS pay? Is it considered supplanting?

Funds need to be used by June 30, 2020. Omar shared that there is nothing in law that programs can't forward money to next fiscal year. CO investigating this for 20-21, but now sure how much money can be carried over. Discussion on funds being carried over and concerns on impact of giving local control to districts. If colleges are carrying funds over every year, how can we make an argument to ask for more money from the legislature. Proposal was made to track which colleges carry over funds every year. Also, the possibility of revisiting the funding formula.

Omar provided NextUP update. There are currently 45 programs with 2000 students statewide. The goal was to serve 3500. When the program started it served 1500 students and added only 500 students. The program is not where it wants to be as a state. Lowering the age from 16 years to 13 years old will be considered in the current legislative cycle. This will allow to serve more students. There is no plan to expand NextUP as additional funding is needed. When all programs is on a funding formula, 70% guarantee will be revisited. The advisory committee has not met for awhile. Danita will be part of the committee as she will be president.

Omar provided update on funding. There is 3 million dollars in COLA. Went from 116 million to 119 million for EOPS. Evan, Danita, and Omar will visit legislature to ask for 5 million dollars.

Governor has proposal to consolidate set aside funds including NextUP money. NextUp has 20 million. CO is holding to \$800,000, leaving 19.2 million dollars to be distributed and will combine

this amount with other programs such as Student Equity. NextUP will lose \$200,000 allocation statewide. Danita plans to meet with Dept. of Finance to advocate against consolidation of set aside funds. SB958 attached to this.

Discussion of AB1645 that went into law in January. Wording is vague of having a Dreamers Center Liaison in EOPS but not required. Could be in FA, if not have the capacity to go to EOPS. Not all Dreamers qualify for EOPS. If EOPS has a key role in serving these students, will funding come from the district? Clarification on language for the bill is needed. Dreamers Center is for undocumented students who qualify fo AB540.

○ Vice-President-

Matt Fox

The goal of the website it to try to collect statewide data piloting with a small population. Discussion regarding the importance of collecting data. It is important to have a broad picture of what EOPS is doing well statewide and to share it with the CO.

Tracey and Matt create two new sections on the website. One is for CCCEOPSA members and another section for conference workshops. Overandabove is password- no spaces first letter cap.

Requested to have powerpoint and flyers from conference presenters. Received 8 out of 20. In the future, request copy of powerpoint ahead of time from presenters. Review processes to be effective in collecting powerpoints.

Data collection: embedded three different google surveys focusing on if I were in the role of a politician, what would I want to know about the program. There are three different samples of college specific data collection statewide and links to google form. Review to see what information needs to be included for the CO and legislature need to know.

We need to look at our local numbers and how it stacks up to our District course retention and persistence from fall to spring, look at our success rates, and student specific completion of college level English and math. The data collected can be used for advocacy and request for more funding. We send individual reports to the CO at the end of the year. What is done with the reports?

Matt also created an end of term survey. We can pilot the survey among ourselves and see the reponse from the surveys.

Matt suggested that we reach out to RP group for statewide research. Possibly allocate \$20,000 for research.

Mia Keeley is currently working on legislature report on data and completion. This has not been in 8 years. Mia will share the statewide data and show that EOPS outcomes are higher.

VII. Chancellor's Office updates: Mia Keeley and Rhonda Mohr

Jillian will return on May 1st.

First Implicit Bias training was held in Glendale. Assumption that everyone has implicit bias and how control and reflect back. There will be three follow up webinars- dates not set.

Rhonda provided update on FA reform. Last year CO worked with Senator Leyva on SB291 which would create a brand new FA program for CC students. Competing bill was SB1314 with minor tweaks to current Cal Grant Program. Neither bill went through and received instruction from Governot to come up with a compromise as the people support the two bills.

Proposal came before Student Aid Board of Directors yesterday and will move forward. Proposal to change Cal Grant: establish Cal Grant one for CC and others. CC Cal grant will cover tuition and access. Other segments cover tuition and fees. Currently there is three different Cal grants with different requirements based on income and asset ceilings and diff gpa. CC grant has no age cut off or income ceilings, eligibility based on EFC. Proposal entitlement for 0 EFC, \$6000 a year and a Cal grant. 0 EFC would cost 800 million dollars more- huge investment go to administration and Dept of Finance. Anticipating 300 thousand new CC Cal grant recipients. March 2 is not the deadline date for CC Cal grant- September 2 is deadline date. Once written in bill, Rhonda will share. Rhonda stated that there are inequities in 2 programs. Other segment, give full tuition of 8356 EFC, and proposal is 0 EFC at CC. Chancellor Oakley pointed out inequities. Cal Grant 2 and Cal Grant 4 is for 4 years, and some 2 year proprietary like Fashion Institute. More info will be shared.

ESL regs went before BOG and memos will extended current approved list of ESL exams. Accuplacer and Casas will be used until July 2021: one more year to use cause don't have data. Need to collect data before quit using ESL assessments. Did make edits and going to BOG in March.

Update on website. Over the course of Spring, will start posting items on website. Working on improvements. Attendees shared difficulties of navigating website.

Spring Training: Due to limited resources and staff, difficult to put on spring training. Discussion on whether we can partner with CO. Mia stated that not all programs have a technical spring training and it is important to do things within a uniform matter. Need to offer a training that fits the broader picture for everyone to support vision of success. A lot of issues at place and without Jillian can't plan spring training. Will look into the future about offering a training.

Attendees shared the importance of having a spring training where best practices and collaboration and networking was provided. Also stated that it is mandated for CARE coordinators to have a a spring training.

Mia will evaluate set aside and what funding is available. Depending on what priorities are for CO, will collaborate with the association. CO is open for discussion but focus is on getting regional model out and trying to reinforce vision for success and guided pathways.

New Director's training. Will send out a survey to new directors to gauge attendance and get feedback on format and topics want to discuss. Will charge \$50 for training. Will out reach to association to plan the training. Training will happen. Currently no hotel contract because need to determine format. Omar still willing to collaborate and want two days of training. 2nd day affords time to focus on CARE and NextUP. Mia wants separate training for NEXUp.

There will be no carry over funds for 19-20. Legal is working with Dept. of Finance to put money out to colleges. Once funds are given to college, it is ours and should not be taken back. Dept. of Finance needs to sign off. Starting 20-21 it can change, legal and fiscal need to work with Dept of Finance. Mia is looking into the legalities and what authorized to do. Need guidance and best practice.

NextUP reporting added to SSARCC. Talks are taking place to put into Nova, another mechanism of reporting that SSE and Guided Pathways uses. It is very expensive. MIS don't have capacity to add new programs into SSARCC.

Discussion regarding mentorship program and set aside funds. Mia sent email of what need to see from a proposal. CO asked for authority to combine all set aside funds including tech funds into one big account that can centrally manage. Mia need evaluative process for DSPS mentoring program to determine if mentoring program has led to increased longevity and turn over rate of directors. Mia will need to look at details about hiring a part time mentor coordinator.

Rhonda shared the law that each campus have a Dreamer Liaison. Law suggested be through FA or EOPS. There is money in proposed budget for next year. Checked with legal that EOPS can only talk to EOPS student. Legal said that even if in educ code, this new code trumps, can be located and paid for out of EOPS. Since put in law that EOPS can do it, can be housed based on local decision. Next year in proposed budget there is money.

Regional coordinators meeting will be held on April 17.

CARE coordinators can attend any training- professional training that will help individual grow.

Matt send out message that CARE coordinators can attend any type of training to fulfill required two trainings.

VIII. Treasurer Report

Yesenia Balcazar

Checking balance is \$ 418,975
Foundation balance is \$24,727
CD amount is \$99,976
President ATM account total is \$1346
Paid Riviera Palm Springs \$133,475

Discussion about hiring someone to plan for the association conference that will be responsible for the logistics and planning of the conference and oversee a mentoring program.

Discussion about having a State Advisory Board that comprise of assembly members. If funding is available, use the funds to campaign and get people to be on board.

Omar will explore options on best to utilize the funding to support association and bring to next meeting.

VIX. Election Results Cristal Arredondo

Elections opened up on February 4th and closed on Feb 18th.
Results:

President Elect: Cecilia Alvarado
Vice President: Libby Cook
Secretary: Rejoice Chavira
Treasurer: Yesenia Balcazar
reg 2: Arthur Jenkins III
reg 4: April Henderson
reg 6: Cesar Flores
reg 8: Efren Rangel
reg 10: Letty Diaz

Next year, elections will be held for odd regions. Omar will connect with Cecilia and do on boarding and invite to next meeting.

X. Review Technology committee responsibilities. For example, newsletter be under technology committee?

Matt will transition to a new position in August. Matt will continue to work on research piece and will work with Kintay. Omar will pick up mentoring program.

Discussion on Fall 2019 conference. Received positive feedback on the conference. Discussed concerns. Matt will look into upgrading survey money. Recommend to use Whova for next conference.

XI. Fall 2020 Conference update

Fall conference will be held on October 7-9, 2020 at Hyatt Monterey. We will meet as a board on October 6, 2020, arrive on October 5, 2020.

Wanda and Danita are working on key note speakers.

Theme: EOPS Pathways to Success

List of volunteers signed up for various tasks

Created a google form to send out to region 3,4,5,- looking for leads conference materials, program, swag, entertainment, raffle committee

Cristal will send April list of vendors

Calendar and Save the date send out asap- Letty will work on Save the Date and Omar will send it out

Cost for survey monkey is \$32/month. To upgrade is \$99/month. Matt recommended that we keep survey monkey because it has more functionality

XII. CAFYES/NextUP Bill SB 1645

CAFYES bill being proposed by Sen Leyva. John Bay is a big proponent of the bill. Bill increase age from 16 to 13. Lowering age would serve more students as some colleges are having a hard time spending NextUP funds.

Colleges are concerned with waiving income: EOPS has 0 EFC. A NextUp student with an EFC would qualify. Need to streamline the eligibility for EOPS and NextUP students. EOPS serves low income students. Resources need to be provided prior to the first day of class.

A meeting is scheduled with the Department of Finance to discuss the proposal. Omar and Danita will provide updates via email.

Opposition to consolidation of EOPS – CO is proposing consolidation of set aside funds.

XIII. Mentoring program.

Funding for mentoring program could come from set aside funds if the CO allows this. Need to rethink as there is no set aside.

What will the cost be to have a mentoring program. Possibly increase the cost of the conference registration and pay coordinators. Or use funds that is returned at the end of the year.

Matt will send template on the mentoring program.

XIV. Governor's Budget Proposal

AB1645: Evan will contact author of bill for clarification and tap into allocation from Governor to get money if we are required to support efforts by our colleges

We asked for 10 million and received COLA 2 years ago. Request to ask for more money to support spring training and mentorship program. Evan would like Omar and Danita to come to Sacramento to advocate for more funding; governor's budget includes \$3million increase.

Equity is being consolidated and stretched at colleges. Colleges are continuing to ask for money for longevity and professional development to be a viable program.

It is important for us to find out how we can support each other esp. for colleges that are returning funds back to the state, and later turn around and ask for more money. Reps to reach out to their region after mid report has been submitted to help colleges spend their funds to ensure that no funds are sent back. Assist new directors in your region. Consider offering a webinar with a focus on eligible expenses. We send funds back last year and we want to be sure it doesn't happen again.

Omar will ask Tracey on process to get on association list serve.

XV. Other Business

Discussion on incorporating Tracey's involvement with creating or maintain the association website. How do we compensate her for work she did? Will need to increase her compensation and include Tracey on timeless and expectations.

Bylaws committee is a standing committee. At next meeting will discuss who will be appointed.

Newsletter falls within TAC review

Libby will be the association representative at FACCC meetings.

XVI. FACCC updates

Evan Hawkins

Governor's budget proposal was released. Concerns designating EOPS and FA as Dreamers Center Liaison and funding attached to this. Request more funding to serve AB540 students if mandate EOPS to do the work. CO will provide funding in 2020-2021, about \$50,000 per college which is not enough.

CC system support set aside funding for categorical and creating a new categorical of 25 million dollars set aside for CAFYES strong workforce. Will meet with CO to discuss concerns brought up by Danita

Legislatively, John Burton proposing a bill around CAFYES.

Governor included two items for faculty: fellowship and part time office hours; and faculty diversity

Discussed concerns with CalBright.

Encouraged to attend Advocacy and Policy meeting on March 2-3, 2020.

XVII. Provide typed regional reports to Rejoice Chavira

XVIII. Next Meeting: May 15, 2020 at Crafton Hills College

Meeting adjourned 4:28 P.M.