Natural Sciences Chairs Council

July 18, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm

In Attendance: M. Chao, K. Cousins, K. Dajani, C. Todd, B. Haddock, T. Burch, J. Yu, J. Torner, D. Rinebolt, S. Pantula, T. Valencia, R. Hernandez

Meeting Minutes – Minutes for June 27th were approved.

Discussion Concerning New Student Orientations

* Dr. Maynard has been working the different departments on the first time freshman and transfer student orientation. Listed below are some of his observations:
  + A tremendous number of classes are already closed. Some departments have very few classes open.
  + 111 of the accepted first time freshman did not attend orientation. A second orientation has been scheduled. Students who do not attend the second orientation will be dropped.
  + Students have very little time with the actual college personnel. Dr. Maynard believes that more time needs to be given to the departments to speak with their students. Because of the low number of classes available, he has advised students on wait lists to attend the first day of class to perhaps facilitate their being able to get into the class.
* Dean Pantula asked chairs what issues they are facing when students are not able to enroll in the classes they need.
* Dean Pantula reported that the first time freshman enrollment is much lower than normal and thus we are experiencing FTE loss.
* Dr. Chao reported that the intro to biology class enrollment is down 50%.
* Dr. Burch remarked that there are many pre-nursing students who will never be eligible for the nursing program as their GPA is too low. There needs to be an opportunity to speak with these students and help them understand that they need to develop another plan for their education as they just aren’t qualified to get into the nursing program.
* Dr. Burch reported that she believes the change in the criteria (no SAT scores) has resulted in the high number of pre-nursing students we are currently experiencing.
* Dr. Torner reported the problem he has experienced is that the majority of the students are “lost” – they have no idea how to use MyCaps, road maps or PAWS.
* Dr. Haddock remarked that he preferred the old fashion way that students were introduced to CSUSB and enrolled in classes.
* Dr. Cousins agreed with Dr. Haddock and suggested that 6-8 orientation options was a lot more feasible than 15 meetings in a 3 week time span.
* Dr. Dajani mentioned that all of the holds on students on students’ records that delay their ability to enroll such as violence training holds, vaccination holds, etc. are a waste of time and just add to the problem of getting students enrolled in the classes they need.