



Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce

Real Solutions to Real Challenges

Meeting Notes November 14, 2018

Meeting Summary

The Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce members met with members of the Leadership Roundtable, a group comprised of community college administrative and professional development organization. Groups present included the chief business officers, the chief instructional officers, student services officers, reserchers, campus police, financial aid administrators, and more. Partners organizations heard about the importance of working together to address the affordability challenges all California Community Colleges are facing. The Taskforce members heard from these groups around what was and was not working regarding how colleges support low income students.

Community College Partners Meeting

- Keith Curry and Pam Luster provided background on the Taskforce
- Shared summaries of the last few meetings of the Taskforce
- Announced that the survey will be released later in November
 - The survey will be an inventory of what colleges are doing and share practices
- Discussed the five areas of focus
 - Policy
 - Look at affordability not as a cost but instead as an investment.
 - OER
 - Textbook challenges are still prevalent among students
 - Faculty textbook choices affect students lives – costs
 - Data Sharing – portal telling students everything they are eligible for
 - Partnerships
 - How do you develop and enhance partnerships with county offices
 - Should affordability partnerships be included in the revised Student Equity Plans?
 - Business-College partnerships
 - Can we put a social worker in financial aid offices?
 - Access
 - Address the difficulty in accepting EBTs on campus
 - Financial aid allocation (fundamental issues – there's a breakdown in the amount of financial aid students are getting on the front end, this leads to being student food and housing insecure)
 - CalGrants currently focused covering tuition cost, but instead we should

- advocate for total cost of attendance
- Housing
 - West Hills example – they have dorms but can't use schedule maintenance dollars to update them
 - Recognize the upkeep, maintenance, and security of hosting housing on campus.
 - What can we do to support faculty and staff housing?
 - Structure in a way where it sustains and doesn't drain us.
- Food Insecurity
 - Are there other long-term solutions
 - Cal Fresh outreach efforts – how to market this service to students
 - Brand it as financial aid for food
 - Fresh Success program with Foundation
 - CalFresh

Taskforce Meeting: Discussion of Next Steps

- An update about the Affordability, Food, & Housing Access Taskforce will be provided at the Statewide CEO meeting.
- The survey of CEOs and Districts/Colleges designed by Frank and Luck will be sent out shortly after that.

Next Steps:

Format of Report – Goal is to be practical and to provide a how to guide. Provide broad policy directions and principles.

- 1) Intro Letter from CEOCCC Board - Marvin Martinez
 - a. Pathways/connecting financial aid to student success.
- 2) Quotes from:
 - a. Equity partners
 - b. State Assembly
 - c. Leadership Roundtable
- 3) Data on challenges for low income students from Luke Wood.
- 4) Student Stories. 4-5 students highlighting various stories.
- 5) Examples of successful low income programs
 - a. Housing
 - b. CalFresh
 - c. College – County Partnerships
 - d. College – Community Based Organization – Rotary
 - e. San Diego CCD as a model of a district working to address food insecurity
 - f. National Models - :
 - i. Tacoma Housing
 - ii. Amarillo
- 6) Recommendations broken up into the following buckets:
 - a. Policy
 - b. Partnership
 - c. Access

- d. Food Insecurity
- e. Housing
- 7) Sarah Goldrick-Raab write up on CEO and trustee roadmap on the issue.
- 8) Appendix:
 - a. List of who taskforce met with
 - b. Timeline

Marketing of Report:

- Podcast
 - Taskforce report recommendations
 - Chancellor's Office interview
- Space to speak at CEO symposium

Timeline:

- February

December 6th Meeting:

- Sarah Goldrick – Raab
- Survey results
- Discussion on January legislative briefing on low income community college students.
- Discussion of policy recommendations to present at January briefing.
 - Committee members will bring thoughts of what recommend to the meeting.
 - Committee members will send policy recommendations to Lizette by Dec 3.