

AQIP Student Mentoring Committee

Meeting Notes

Project Charge: *The Student Mentoring project will explore, study, and recommend the design of a mentoring program scaled to serve all MCC students and involving the entire campus community.*

April 28, 2016

Location:
ML3012

Time:
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Co-Chair: Jimmie Baber

Note Taker: Amanda Burleson

Liaisons: Aaron Gulyas, Michelle Glenn

In Attendance: Joi Callahan, Janette Cartagena, Nancy Metcalfe, Noel Roan, Lauren Ruffin, Theron Williams, Amanda Burleson

Absent: Andretta Newton, Jennie Welliver, Amy Witham

Agenda:

1. Approval of previous Meeting Notes
2. Continue Discussing Problem Statement Question: What challenges currently exist?
 - a. Narrow the scope of the program
 - b. Process of elimination
3. Determine Agenda for Next Meeting
4. Next Meeting: **May 12, 2016 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, ML3012**

Notes:

1. New Co-facilitator, Jimmy Baber, introduced himself to the team. Team members introduced themselves to Mr. Baber and discussed what progress has been according to the charter.
2. The team discussed the process of the charter and the need to fully define the problem in order to determine the scope of the mentoring program.
3. The team suggested the scope of the mentoring program as to keep students engaged and to increase retention, completion and credit attainment.
4. The team reviewed the lists of challenges students face in and outside of college, and determined which aspects are within the scope of a mentoring program.
5. Challenges outside the scope of the mentoring program would be referred to MCC Student Services or outside agencies (Side note: Mentors would need information on which services can be met through student services and when to refer students to outside agencies).

"Outside Stuff" - Challenges Students Face Outside of College:

- ~~1. Abuse/violence/suicide~~
- ~~2.1. Transportation~~
- ~~3. Home situation~~
- ~~4. Homelessness~~
- ~~5.2. Childcare~~
- ~~6. Substance abuse~~
- ~~7. Environment~~
- ~~8. Family/relationships~~
- ~~9. Family support or lack of~~
- ~~10. Money/finances~~
- ~~11. Responsibilities~~
- ~~12. Employment (lack of/too many hours)~~
- ~~13. Death~~
- ~~14. Medical/mental illness (student/family)~~
- ~~15. Medication instability~~
- ~~16. Social stigmas~~
- ~~17.3. Indecisiveness, career path~~
- ~~18.4. Career uncertainty, lack of knowledge~~
- ~~19.5. Lack of world exposure~~
- ~~20.6. Lack of communication skills~~
- ~~21. Home structure — Culture/ cultural identity~~
- ~~22. Legal issues~~
- ~~22. Bench Warrants~~
- ~~22. Jail time (mid-semester)~~
- ~~22. Prisoner re-entry~~
- ~~22. Insurance/ medical access~~
- ~~22. Budgeting~~
- ~~22. Food/Clean water~~
- ~~22. Lead poisoning~~
- ~~22. Flint politics/concerns~~

"School Stuff" - Challenges Students Face within the College:

- 1. No place to study
- ~~2. Outside factors impact mindset~~
- ~~3.2. Lack of communication skills~~
- ~~4.3. Lack of preparation~~
- ~~5.4. No pre-planning, late-start, funding issues~~
- ~~6.5. Academic expectations~~
 - ~~Including: Out of class expectations, reading and computer skills~~
- ~~7. Out of class expectations~~
- ~~8. Reading~~
- ~~9. Computer skill gap~~
- ~~10. Video game culture~~
- ~~11.6. Scheduling/ available classes~~
- ~~12. Waiting lists/pre-requisites~~
- ~~13. Classroom temperature~~
- ~~14. Campus size~~
- ~~15. Decentralized~~
- ~~16. Numbering system~~
- ~~17. Parking~~
- ~~18. Signage~~
- ~~19.7. Sense of belonging (lack of)~~
- ~~20.8. Sense of community~~
- ~~21.9. Peer interaction~~
- ~~22.10. Knowledge of student support services~~
- ~~23. Culture of overextension/urgency~~
- ~~24. Preconceptions of failure/meanness~~
- ~~25. Performance indicators~~
- ~~26.11. Expectations of self~~

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Continue narrowing Problem Statement Questions: What challenges exist? (Faculty/staff)
2. What services already exist on campus? What is missing?
3. What population to serve/already served?
4. What is the scope of the program?
5. What do we think the goal of the Mentoring Program should be?
6. Determine date/time, agenda for next meeting.