# Advisory Council Minutes College of San Mateo Thursday, October 19, College Center, Bldg. 10-421

**Council Members Present**: Art Morgan, Beverley Madden, Steve Morehouse, Laurie Tezak, Ofelia Delgadillo, Arianna Avendaño, Rupinder Bajwa, Estela Garcia

**Members Not Present:** Valerie Anderson, Ed Canda, Zach Osborne, Michele Enriquez-Da Silva, Frank Simpson, Porcia Silverberg

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm

## Welcome/Check-In

Introduction and Organizational Updates and Crossover Opportunities

Rupinder Bajwa, Lead Student Ambassador: SMCCD is discussing raising fees for students from \$8 - \$12.

Steve Morehouse, is available to assist Estela with ideas for her program. Steve and Estela will set a date to review possible options for the Career Inventory Assessment.

Ofelia Delgadillo, RWC Site Manager RAFT: RAFT stands for, Resource Area for Teaching. RAFT's mission is to help educators transform a child's learning experience through hands-on education to one that inspires the joy and discovery of learning.

Art Morgan, Chief Technology Officer Junior Statesmen of America; however, he is now VP of Partner Development at

Automatic Sync Technologies (AST), a leading provider of closed captioning services for education.

Laurie Tezak, Has a few events coming up. She will be in touch with Estela to set up some dates for Application Workshops at Aragon. Aragon now has a new Financial Aid Advisor, a former CSM Ambassador (Melissa Aliu).

Arianna Avendaño, College of San Mateo EOPS Coordinator. Explained EOPS and the benefits to CSM students.

Zach Osborne, Menlo College Career Center. Though Zach could not attend the meeting; he asked that the council be informed about student internship opportunities underway for the college juniors. Students are required to complete 400 hours as a spring internship. If anyone is interested in learning more about the internship program at Menlo College please reach out to Zach at zach.osborne@menlo.edu.

# **Enrollment:**

This semester enrollment is down possibly due to a booming economy. In order to better assist our students who are transferring and only need one class there will be a mid semester section added to high impact classes. The hope is that students who are missing one class to graduate can take the class during the middle of the spring semester. This will be extremely beneficial to students who were unable to register for the class because it was full.

#### **Operation Welcome Mat:**

Operation Welcome Mat was created to help students navigate the campus during the first week of classes. Each semester, over 4000 student questions are answered at the information booths. We are requesting assistance from anyone who is available and willing to assist during a shift the first week of spring semester (week of January 20<sup>th</sup>).

#### **First Year Success Initiative:**

This program was created to help first year students receive the support necessary in order to be successful students at CSM. A letter will be sent out to incoming freshmen and parents this semester introducing the initiative. As part of the First Year Initiative there will be a preview day- Possibly November 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will come to CSM and experience a day as a college student and shadow our current students. A survey has been sent out to our current freshmen students this semester to gauge how our students feel about CSM inviting their parents for an orientation day, along with other inquiries. (*Results just in 51% agree or strongly agree and 49% disagree or strongly disagree!*)

# **Connect to College** 2

Connect to College will take place on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 6-8pm in College Center, Building 10's Bayview Dining Room. Each year, Frank Simpson and Steve Morehouse assist us during this event. We welcome anyone else who is able to assist us on this busy evening.

## **Student Ambassador Scholarship**

In the past we have given two \$250 scholarships to transferring ambassadors. We are hoping to do the same this year. We are also requesting the Advisory Councils help in reviewing personal statements, and determine scholarship winners. We appreciate your contribution to this worthwhile scholarship (please make your checks out to CSM Student Ambassador Scholarship and forward to Estela.)

#### **Wounded Warriors vs NFL Alumni Football Game**

The Wounded Warriors vs. NFL Alumni Football Game, will be held on **Saturday**, **February 6**<sup>th</sup> **from 12:00pm-3:00pm**. Roger Staubach, nicknamed Captain America, a former star National Football League quarterback will be quarterbacking for the Wounded Warriors. Dick Vermeil will be coaching. Snoop Dogg will be on the sidelines cheering the players on! Please assist CSM by passing on the message to the community. This event is free to children and non-profits, and \$10.00 for adults. *Suggestion*: Possibly sell tickets to meet and receive autographs from players who will attend the event.

Laurie Tezak will present this event at their upcoming school board next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Please confirm your availability to meet **Thursday, February 18 at 2:30 or 3:30.** Please email me your confirmation.