Transitions

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Purpose of Transitions Group: Issues for students who have been accepted to CSM and how we can make their landing at college successful.

Meeting times: 1st and 3rd Friday, 2:30-4. Next meeting: 2/6

Mid-May is the deadline for bullet-point list for our top priorities for transitions.

Brainstorming of ideas:

Group 1

- Spring semester tours--maybe student-led? -- and allow students to get out on the campus on their own. IE: scavenger hunts. Not just guided tours.
- Address parents less--IE: Adjust Connect to College, separate parents from students to address each groups’ individual need
- Identify at risk students
- Longer orientation?

Group 2

- Encourage CSM as as option for all college-bound students
- Prepare for CSM--register, test, PEP, counseling appt--while in senior year. EVERYONE who is college-bound (CSM or not) should do this.
- Prevent summer melt via texting by high school and CSM counselors.
- Face-to-face orientation activities
- Spring and summer orientation, too.
- Personal follow-up offer with (for example) a financial aide counselor or enrollment personnel who offers to follow up on the student’s inquiry.
- Mandate a career/study skills course, either a few days crash course or a full semester.
- High school seniors sit in on CSM classes in spring.
- CSM students who are trained as mentors visit the high school seniors to give them ‘the skinny’ on Life at CSM.
- Bus high school students to CSM to explore and enjoy.
- How to help students feel welcome: IE: CSM mentor for high school students, CSM club days specifically for incoming students.

**Group 3**

*2000 new students every fall.*

**Big Questions to Ask:**
- Who needs the transitions the most?
- What does the data tell us about needs?
- How can we bring CSM counseling services to high schools?

**Further:**
- How can we use what LB City College and Santa Barbara have already implemented?
- How are the high schools and community college curriculums aligned?
- Use multiple measures for assessment –IE curriculum equivalences from high school. How quickly can students retest on the placement tests?
- Acceleration models--*(not sure what this meant)*
- Course selection: how to help students plan schedules so they are as efficient with their time as possible?
- Timing for registration--reach out to high schools early (Jan, Feb, March)
- Counseling Services--can CSM and high school counseling dept weave services or connect somehow? Can there be a dedicated CSM counselor for particular high schools?
- HS cohorts--have specific high schools travel to CSM as a cohort for PEP to encourage community.

**Group 4**

- Bridges program--advertise it more (only 30 participated last summer)
- Market to incoming students (what services and programs are available)
- Help student choose appropriate 1st semester courses
- Offer an AVID-type program at CSM. Then those students could be high school AVID tutors.
- Focused high school visits. Go into the high school classrooms (IE: English classes) for 20 minutes to make sure everyone gets all the information necessary.
- “Message” achievement to all students. Remind all students that although they may not have been the best students in high school, they have the opportunity to better themselves.

Co-chair: Greg Quigley. Secretary/ Co-co-chair: Laura Burtness

**Next meeting:**
2/6 2pm Place TBA

**Agenda**

*Presentation: What services are already in place at CSM?*