

Mt. San Antonio College
Disabled Student Programs & Services
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
High School Transition (Session #1)
Student Services Building (9B), Ragan Room
March 4, 2016 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Facilitators: Grace Hanson, Dean and Dr. Tim Engle, Dept. Chair & Counselor

Present: Grace Hanson, Mt. SAC: DSPS Faculty and Staff, High School Outreach, Walnut Valley Unified School District, Pomona USD, West Covina USD, Baldwin Park USD, Covina Valley USD, Valley Alternative Schools, Diamond Ranch High School, Bonita High School, Fairvalley High School/ CA Model Continuation High School, Gary High School, Pomona High School, Bishop Amat High School, Charter Oak High School, West Covina Department of Rehabilitation

Notetaker: Brandi Melton

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Grace Hanson and Tim Engle

DSPS Department Updates & Announcements

- Seeking to hire DSPS Counselor
- New hires:
 - Dr. Diana Chou, Mental Health Clinician
 - High number of DSPS students seeking mental health services at Health Center
 - Merge DSPS w/ Mental Health (Health Center)
 - Kimberly Han, DHH Counselor
- New Student Services Center
 - Housing DSPS' NEW Accessible Technology Center amongst other Student Services departments
- Disability Athletics Faire- Saturday, April 2, 2016
 - Organized by Center for Independent Living (SCIL); partnered by DSPS & Athletics departments at MT. SAC
 - Adaptive sports and activities
 - All ages; all disabilities
- Puzzle Project (Autism Spectrum Group)
 - Students are recommended for program by Counselors
 - Students meet Fridays 12:00-2:00pm (weekly)
 - Dr. Chris Walker, Dr. Diana Chou, Heather Ponce
 - Interns
 - Mentors

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- **DSPS Classes**
 - **DSPS 13 Class: Orientation to College for Students with Disabilities**
 - 1 unit
 - **DSPS 31 Class: Memory Strategies**
 - 3 units
 - **DSPS 32 Class: Technology for Learning Disabled (LD) Students**
 - 3 units
 - **DSPS 33 Class: Math Strategies**
 - 3 units
 - **DSPS 34 Class: Writing Strategies**
 - 3 units

High School Outreach Updates

- **Connect 4 program**
 - Application workshop
 - Assessment testing provided at high school (contact Mt SAC- HSO for information on bussing students to Mt SAC to take assessment testing)
 - Bus students to Mt. SAC
 - General Orientation (all students)
 - Including course selection w/ Counselor
 - Lunch provided
 - Provide early registration
- **Recommendations:**
 - **Connect 4**
 - Attend to complete orientation and discuss courses as appointments in DSPTS are limited
 - Priority Registration is given to Connect 4 students
 - Apply to DSPTS & Bridge Program
 - For HS Students: Senior's Day (approx. 700 students over 2 days)
 - Mt. SAC provides funding for Busing and food
 - For School Personnel: Attend HS Educator's Conference
 - Held annually in December
 - Learn about Mt. SAC, DSPTS, etc.
 - Specialized presentations from DSPTS and Bridge Program

Open Discussion

- Services provided by DSPTS
 - Educational Accommodations (ex. extra time on tests, note-takers, adaptive furniture, etc.)

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- Types of verifications accepted
 - Psycho Ed report, IEP, medical verification form signed by licensed healthcare professional
 - Students exiting Special Ed program in high school will not automatically affect student's eligibility at DSPS- Mt. SAC as students must meet college DSPS eligibility requirements.
- Reduced course load options
 - Student to meet with DSPS Counselor to discuss
 - Financial Aid may be affected
- DSPS classes
 - Recommended for students
- Assessment Testing
 - Students that go 2 years without taking math classes in high school often have lower initial assessment test scores.
 - Taking assessment testing at high school *versus* at Mt. SAC *versus* at DSPS- Mt. SAC may result in not receiving accommodations
 - Submit disability verification to DSPS to receive accommodations
 - Disability verification reviewed by DSPS Counselor to determine accommodations for assessment testing (ex. Extra time taking tests, etc.)
 - Assessment tests taken with Connect 4 at high schools (without accommodations) may retest with DSPS without waiting 3 months if approved by a DSPS Counselor
- Bridge program
 - Approximately 380 students in program each summer
- Services provided at Department of Rehabilitation
 - Diagnosis and Evaluation
 - Assist with identifying and usage of community resources/ colleges
 - Assistance with funding of services

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

Tour of Accessible Technology Center (9E- Student Success Center)

Next Meeting Date: To be determined.