

Mt. SAC DSP&S Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2012

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Summary of prior four organizational meetings
 - Students want to be recognized as a person first and not just as having a disability
 - Students want to be listened to and treated with respect
 - Students wish to be more involved with Disability Celebration Month activities
 - DSP&S needs to work in collaboration with other departments on/off campus to help them understand who our students are
 - DSP&S students must be held to the same standards as other students
 - There is a desire for DSP&S to promote a “Buddy Program”; to make DSP&S “cool”; and to reduce the negative stigmas by helping make the provision of accommodations the norm
3. Purpose/Goals for DSP&S Advisory Committee
 - a. Outreach/ Be findable – the website is hard to find, students don’t use websites as much as they do social media, students do not check the portal
 - b. Provide input to make it easier to transition from high school to college to the work force
 - c. Update promotional materials
 - i. Current materials are outdated
4. Plans/Ideas to fulfill purpose and reach goals
 - a. Go where the students are – social networking
 - i. Facebook – page or profile?
 - ii. Twitter
 - iii. You-Tube
 - iv. Student Health Fair - Oct (May – Mental Health Month)
 - v. Push announcements to the portal right before registration
 - vi. Encourage professors to give extra credit to promote attendance at events
 - vii. Make sure information is in the general campus orientation
 - viii. Marketing -
 1. “like us” on Fb messages
 2. Student/staff profiles -sharing struggles and successes

- ix. Use student focused language –
 - 1. challenges or barriers instead of disability
 - 2. diversability – the right message or confused with diversity?
- b. Involve current students in the transition
 - i. Campus tours led but DSPS students (HSO)
 - ii. Mentor/buddy program – use clubs and mentors? Phi Theta Kappa
- c. New brochures
 - i. Variety of formats to match different audiences and their reason for coming
 - 1. Brochure/packet – parents, agency/school professionals/older students **samples at next meeting. Review what we have ASAP**
 - 2. Minimal writing, pictures, easy to read, simple, eye-catching, show that we have fun!
 - 3. Postcard type handout with links
 - 4. Quick read brochure
- d. Disability Awareness/Celebration Month
 - i. October disABILITY walk (in planning stages only)
 - ii. SCIL – Disability simulations 10-12 stations, \$ for staffing, have a card that must be stamped
 - iii. Resource Fair
 - iv. SCIL – workshops, seminars (already has an event/Gala Oct 15)
 - v. May 14, 2012 – Jonathan Mooney – guest speaker
 - vi. Silent Auction – advertise, go to clubs, extra credit?
 - vii. Get faculty to bring entire classes
 - viii. Culture Fair – requires 3 stamps from booths before students can eat.
- e. Employee Awareness – sensitivity training, challenges, barriers, obstacles
 - i. Create a staff list with duties
- f. Linked In – professional Networking – to be considered

Next Meeting: November 2, 2012. 8:30am-10:30am
Student Services Building – Ragan Room across from DSP&S