

## Student Success Committee – 2017-2018 Summary

The 2017-2018 academic year marked the official start of the Student Success Committee. This committee met weekly during the Fall 2017 semester, and bi-weekly during the Spring 2018 semester. It was charged with (a) the review of programs and services across the student lifecycle from recruitment to completion, and (b) identifying gaps and barriers in student achievement. With a special emphasis on the writing of the 2017-2019 Integrated Plan for Basic Skills (BSI), Student Equity, and Student Success and Support Program (SSSP), the committee used a data-informed approach, a student equity lens, and developed integrated plan goals to “close achievement gaps, increase basic skills completion, and improve degree, certificate, and transfer completion”. The group set three goals to guide its inaugural year of work:

- *Be a hub/provide a lens for the efforts that are happening throughout the college to support student success.*
- *Partner with divisions and colleagues throughout the college to host professional development events that support students’ sense of belonging and success at PCC.*
- *Build pathways from noncredit to credit and strengthen relationships with our colleagues and students across the multiple sites that make up our college.*

The following paragraphs provide additional insight on the 2017-2018 activities, accomplishments, and plans for next year for the Student Success Committee (SSC).

### **Activities**

The activity of the SSC revolved around building space for collaboration and information-sharing on the efforts that are happening throughout PCC to support student success. A day-long retreat on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 engaged members in building understanding around the efforts and scope of the committee. Time and

attention were devoted to understanding the particulars of BSI, Student Equity, SSSP, and the new Integrated Plan guidelines. Following the approval of the Integrated Plan in January 2018, the SSC established working groups to both broaden college-wide participation in student success efforts, and move towards the Plan's stated goals. The SSC also regularly engaged with other committees and key stakeholders to provide feedback on student success efforts throughout PCC. There was a joint meeting with the Enrollment Management Committee, a presentation on the Equity Dashboard, and presentations by Guided Pathways as well as Outreach and Recruitment leadership.

### **Accomplishments**

The most notable accomplishment of the SSC was the writing and college-wide adoption of the 2017-2019 Integrated Plan for BSI, Student Equity, and SSSP. This plan identified the following 5 goals to guide PCC's efforts towards student success:

- Build student pathways from non-credit to credit, as well as pathways to completion
- Decrease achievement gaps by 4 percentage points for disproportionately impacted groups through college-wide efforts grounded in equity-minded frameworks and cultural competence
- Improve success rates for students who complete a degree-applicable course after having completed any basic skills course
- Provide consistent and comprehensive opportunities for professional development that are equity-minded and student-centered to increase student retention
- Deepen collaborations with high school districts, workforce agencies, and other community partners to increase students' college and job readiness.

Another accomplishment was holding the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting at our Foothill site.

### **Plans for Next Year**

The SSC will continue its work in the 2018-2019 academic year with a focus on (a) the activities associated with the aforementioned goals of the Integrated Plan and (b) sharing that work across the various sites that make up our college. Key to these plans are continued engagement with students, as well as support of the working groups.