RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 16, 2014
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Room B-104

AGENDA

Members Present: Salley Deaton (Faculty), Masahiro Omae (Faculty), Denise Whisenhunt, Xi Zhang (Researcher)

Guest: Bernice Lorenzo

Staff: Desiree van Saanen

1. Student Equity Plan

Bernice Lorenzo provided an update of recent Student Equity Plan Committee activities. During the October 7 general meeting, members agreed to accept proposals from the campus at large with the deadline of Friday, October 10. It was emphasized at the Student Equity Planning meeting that proposals will be prioritized based on their direct impact on specified, evidence-based areas of deficiency within the five key indicators (access, basic skills, student success/persistence, degrees/certificate completion, and transfers). A subcommittee was formed to review the proposals. The committee composition consisted of:

- Two (3) students
- Two (2) classified staff (Instruction and Student Services)
- Two (2) faculty (Instruction and Student Services)
- Two (2) deans (Instruction and Student Services)
- Two (2) VPs (Instruction and Student Services)

The subcommittee met on Monday, October 13 for eight hours to review, score (based on MPAROC rubric), prioritize and allocate funds. Denise W., Bernice L. and Xi Z. are currently completing the Student Equity Report, as well as a comprehensive summary statement, both due to District by October 21.

1. Accreditation Survey

District Research will administer both the Employee Satisfaction Survey and the Student Satisfaction Survey in the coming spring and is taking the lead in reviewing the survey instruments. The ACCJC has updated its accreditation standards in June. A few new standards are added in the current version. The campus researchers met and wrote new survey questions to address the new standards.

Committee members reviewed, revised and approved the new survey questions. The committee also reviewed the existing survey questions and suggested to omit Q13 through 19 and Q39-49 from the Employee Satisfaction Survey. These survey questions can be asked in separate point of service surveys. The survey instruments will be vetted through the MPAROC.