

# **PRISON AND REENTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM AD HOC COMMITTEE (PREPC)**

## **Year-End Report**

This has been a busy year for PREPC. Legislation passed in the last year has significantly impacted the scope and nature of our work. For example, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students are now recognized as a disproportionately impacted (DI) student group. The following are 2021/2022 PREPC work highlights:

### **Structural Changes**

- This year the committee considered options to transition from an ad hoc committee to a permanent committee. After considerable discussion, and a vote of the DAS, PREPC transitioned from a DAS Ad Hoc committee to a DAS Subcommittee. We look forward to DAS appointments to this larger subcommittee; meetings start in the Fall.
- PREPC welcomed Anthony Robinson, Program Coordinator at ARC to their working group. We are so happy to have Anthony's participation and leadership on our team!

### **Rising Scholars/Re-Emerging Scholars Grants & Other Financial Developments**

- Much work was completed this year on grant applications. We are pleased to report that CRC (\$154,000), FLC (\$172,000) and SCC (\$172,000) were awarded Rising Scholars grants from the CCCCO in April 2022. These grants will renew each academic year for a three-year cycle. In addition, the Los Rios Colleges Foundation recently received \$40,000 from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. The one-time funding is allocated to CRC, FLC, and SCC's PREP/Rising Scholars/Reemerging Scholars programs and will focus on providing housing, basic needs, and scholarships for our formerly incarcerated or recently incarcerated students. PREP received \$25,000 from Innovation funds to support the launch of ARC's Reemerging Scholars Program. FLC & CRC also received minigrants (at approximately 8,500 each) from the NFN consortium to support their programs. Finally, Ami Bera, representing California's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, has selected PREP for Congressionally Directed Funding; negotiated dollar amounts are expected in the next few weeks.
- PREPC is currently working on related grant budgets as well as budgets for on-going programmatic needs.
- PREPC is committed to ongoing advocacy focused on ensuring that all formerly and currently incarcerated students receive equitable institutional resources at each of the Los Rios' colleges.

### **DAS Resolutions**

Recognition of the work we do on behalf of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students is growing across the state. The importance of this work was recognized at the most recent AS

Plenary with the passage of resolutions 13.03 Establish ASCCC Rising Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee, 13.04 Establish ASCCC Rising Scholars Faculty Liaisons, and 13.05 Advocate for State and Local Rising Scholars Funding to Support Faculty Professional Learning. The committee extends its gratitude to our DAS leaders for their support.

### **Public Outreach**

- PREPC worked closely with our statewide organization, Rising Scholars. We attended and promoted many meetings and events to our students and other communities.
- PREPC was invited to present on goals & achievements to Los Rios Board in April and has received board-based support for continued efforts.
- PREPC participated in CRC's campus-wide OneBook activities with a well-attended panel on March 17, 2021.
- PREPC has given multiple FLEX presentations.
- PREPC members regularly attend meetings hosted by community partners such as PACT meetings, Project Rebound events, and Underground Scholars events.
- PREPC continues to receive multiple requests for in-facility instruction and program expansion throughout the region.

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