

Agenda: Prison Education & Re-Entry Program Committee

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00-10:30 am

Location: Chancellor's Conference Room, District Office

Present: Lynn Baker-Nauman, Kalinda Jones, Stephanie Karas, Jeff Knorr, Veronica Lopez, Christina Washington

Guests: Michael Henderson, Belinda Lum, Alisa Shubb,

Administrative Guests: Mari Peshon, Molly Stafford

I. Welcome & check-in

II. Consent Items

- Approval of the Agenda

III. Administrative updates (time sensitive 9:15 - 9:35)

- *Goal: roll out tutoring on other yards and both prisons; currently assessing where classes have been for students who have completed classes; students want general tutoring; Folsom Men's has a tutoring program, goal is to get LTAT 310; general reading/writing tutoring support on all yards; looking at learning skills instructional assistants (Los Rios employee);*
 - *The committee continues to be interested in computer support/skills for students and remains concerned about the unique training and professional development for people working in tutoring (e.g., overfamiliarity; written norms for relationships, professional expectations, etc.)*
 - *The committee requests clarification on what faculty input is needed - Admin indicates that there is currently no need for a Task Force or faculty input*
 - *Faculty will need to be involved with tutors who are supporting their classes - recommendation that the professor is going to be needed to be involved throughout the semester; LRCFT mentions the need for compensation for this additional workload*
- *Juvenile Justice Grant- funding came in mid-fall, still planning and putting processes in place; planning on hiring a student support specialist; will need input from faculty in fall= assessing and considering dedicated counseling and dedicated faculty lead time, dual enrollment, which classes, notes from meetings between YDF, LRCCD Admin & LRCCD faculty from about a year ago are being utilized; will follow-up with a written draft plan; existing MOUs are in place, no new MOUs.*

IV. Faculty updates

- *DAS- resolution; DAS is interested in increasing collegial consultation between this committee and Admin*
- *Union- 9 faculty under investigation for alleged misconduct for taking writings in and out of the prison; union stance if faculty were just doing their jobs; MOU is set to expire at the end of June; new MOU not been negotiated so will not be ready for a 1st read at next LRCFT Exec Board meeting; request that PREP faculty be scheduled back into their campus home departments; grievance because of Admin email overreach regarding Academic Freedom.*
 - *SUJIC concerns- recent emails sent from Admin to faculty involved curricular issues related to Course Outlines of Record, etc.*
 - *Recommendation from union: “have you run it past the union?”- review all PREP program proposals, including small and big individual faculty projects, for contractual compliance*
- *Tutoring Updates*
 - *Meeting every Wed before Stats class; 1/24 7 students not tutors, Enrolled in tutoring class (LTAT)= 19 Stats students, 8 Spanish students, 4 tutors; 176 participation hours; avg 12 ½ students per session; tutors and students are not having concerns with the CDCR Canvas shells; Students would like tutoring supported by- English writing, Spanish, access to a counselor, all math and science and business courses; Plan to survey professors.*
- *Counseling- spring 2024- 10 degrees and 8 certificates in fall; 25 degree petitions and 13 certificates in spring; trying to build processes & gain knowledge of prison terminology; trying to figure out what a good counseling schedule looks like in facility and build a good relationship with educational partners in facility.*

V. Discussion Items for End of Year Report to DAS (potential recommendations to Administration or DAS or Actions to be taken by Committee members or other people in PREP)

- *Faculty Professional Development for In-Facility Faculty: [PREP Resolution](#)*
- *Program handbook- with written policies that are comprehensive, concrete, and acceptable to faculty bodies (Academic Senate & Union)*
- *PREP faculty leadership:*
 - *Faculty coordination & program chair*
 - *Fall 2024: Educational programming & scheduling of classes*
- *DAS PREP Subcommittee- as long as the in-facility work remains at district, this committee should act in the role of Academic Senate role for academic and professional matters for PREP*
 - *Professional development “101” is established, codified, available, and implemented BEFORE faculty go into the prison; this should be developed by a group of faculty and address perceptions and shades of gray & be concrete & how is this different than on campus. (what do you wish you knew?; what problems did*

- you have that you didn't anticipate?; Ongoing - annual FLEX to review/update knowledge professional development*
- *Faculty input into pathways: PREP committee or group of the committee establish pathways- assert primacy of faculty in creation of pathways specific to our incarcerated students*
 - *Complexity of connecting with partners across the state for professional development*
 - PREP student needs from outreach through graduation (e.g., paper applications)
 - In-facility
 - *SWOT analysis of in-facility work could inform faculty training and program planning*
 - *Educational programming and other student services*
 - *Robust re-entry programming for currently incarcerated Los Rios students to assist them in transitioning out*
 - *Will there be a graduation/completer ceremony?*
 - On-campus-
 - *Ongoing support for services, space, counseling, funding, clear Admin, budget transparency.*
 - *Discussions need to be happening now for beyond 2025*
 - *Juvenile justice grant- role of faculty in the grant; role of Admin in releasing resources; faculty's relationships are already established; faculty are wondering what Admin is doing that is unique or different than what faculty have already done?*
 - *Budget- transparency concerning all work that is being done, all grants, etc.*

*This committee meets every 1st Thursday at 9 a.m. If you have questions about an item on this agenda, please contact Kalinda Jones.

Committee Charge From Los Rios' website:

○ *The District Academic Senate (DAS) approved the formation of the Prison and Reentry Education Program Committee (PREPC) on April 5, 2022. The Committee has been tasked by DAS to make recommendations on district-wide programs that interface with state and local correctional facilities and on-campus reentry services in support of SB 1391, AB 417, and SB 416. The Committee addresses issues pertaining to instruction, professional development, student services, academic counseling, equity, technology, and funding opportunities related to prison and reentry education. In addition, the PREPC supports Los Rios' compliance with the California Department of Corrections, Parole, Probation, and Sheriff's Departments in serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students with appropriate communication and academic resources. The Committee is responsible for the coordination of prison education and reentry efforts directed by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO).*

