

Agenda/Meeting MINUTES
Special Programs Cluster Meeting
10/16/2007
1:45 pm – 2:55pm
CRB 107

Presenter & Cluster Chair: Eddie Hoyle, Director of SSS/TRIO

Guest Presenter: David Bodwell, Director of Financial Aid

Attendance: Michealair Louisdor Olga Rocha Charla Reece
 Mandy Bennett Veryan Lawrence Ryan Hoenig
 Thomas Ferazzoli Paula Samms

ITEM 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLUSTER CHAIR
Discussion: Eddie Hoyle, New Director of SSS/TRIO and New Cluster Chair.

ITEM 2. **Financial Aid Update**
Discussion: David Bodwell, Director of Financial Aid, presented important information in Financial
 1. Direct Deposit of financial aid refund check now available receive 5 days earlier effective at cashier office or online money can be put on Wal-mart card
 2. Spring semester open book store charging against financial aid prior add/drop first day of class.

College Cost Reduction Act was granted. This means more money for Trio programs, Historical Black and University. This bill is full of good news. Loan - benefits are not as pervasive as once believed. Huge mentions about forgiveness for public service - very small minority of people will qualify. Interest rates on loans are going down by half within next 5years. Uncle Sam is reducing benefit to lenders who participate in program meaning i.e. more fees upfront for students. Starting October 1st origination fee of 3% paid in biggest asset is the interest rate cut in half.

Next fall II Strand available for students who intend to teach in area of greatest need, like math, science, bilingual education, special education. Students to receive \$4,000.00 a year based upon declaration of intent to teaching in those areas. This is open to community college and only eligible to first and second year college students. The downside if students do not honor their intent

repayment will be like unsubsidized student loans. Benefits really focus on teaching career
Increases in maximum Pell grant between 8-15% legislated for each year. Financial Aid is hoping to do major outreach to current students on all four campuses. Drastic need to cut down on number of verification thru financial aid office for those not familiar, when students apply for Pell grant about 30% nationally selected for verification. Financial aid collects tax return etc from students and family. PBCC collects well over 60% this causes undue delays getting student aid available in advance to registration. The Solution is to advise students not do apply to FAFSA before doing their taxes. No decision or evaluations are done before checking grades major campaign on all four campuses

Data/data source: Website documents attached.

Action: N/A

ITEM 2 **PROGRAM UPDATES:**

TRIO Programs (Nationally): Eddie reference Dr. Arnold Mitchem President, Council for Opportunity in Education, Article reporting a huge victory sponsored by Rep. Bobby Scott. Provision includes "\$57 million to fund Upward Bound applicants that scored above a 70 in the most recent grant competition. This translates into four years of funding to serve approximately 12,000 students in 187 Upward Bound programs across the country"

9 Programs funded in FL

Florida A&M University FL \$ 491,190

University of South Florida FL \$ 659,475

University of Florida FL \$ 353,503

Florida National College FL \$ 250,000

St. Thomas University FL \$ 250,000

Miami Dade College/Wolfson Campus FL \$ 250,000

Daytona Beach Community College FL \$ 250,000

University of Central Florida FL \$ 250,000

Florida Atlantic University FL \$ 250,000

Data Source <http://www.coenet.us//ecm/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

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ITEM 3 **Annual Performance Report Deadline**

Discussion APR postponed due to Department re-evaluating all the changes made the previous year.

Student Support Services December 31, 2007

Talent Search December 14, 2007

Upward Bound November 30th

Data Source: Website: www.ed.gov/ope/trio

Action: N/A

ITEM 4

Program Updates

Summer Bridge: Over the summer term 134 students complete the program. Our staff has begun disbursing student packet to school counselors.

➤ **Dates to Remember:**

- File 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA) using 2006 Income Tax information (MANDATORY)
- April 2008 - Early Acceptance
- Attend a MANDATORY Fast Break/Summer Bridge Orientation (date TBA)
- **Early Deadline is February 22, 2008**
- July 2008 - Enrichment Workshops
- July 2008- Additional Scholarship Opportunities
- August 2008 - Awards Ceremony

SVORI is a pilot project in which PBCC is contracted by the Department of Corrections to provide Job Coaching/Job Development services to adult serious and violent offenders returning to Palm Beach County;

- Job Coaching includes: guiding individuals to develop long-range occupational goals and the employment and training strategies/options to reach the occupational goals; resume completion; coaching in job search and job keeping skills; job development and placement;
- The program will be ending 12/31/07. The original contract was through 6/06, but due to the success of this pilot program, the Department of Justice and Department of Corrections extended the program twice. 89 individuals have been served to date
- SVORI Website and the Department of Corrections was one of the 69 agencies receiving federal funds. Only two SVORI programs existed in the State. The one we are involved in and a juvenile program operated by other contractors or service

Data Source: <https://www.svori-evaluation.org/>

Talent Search: Filling slot maintaining 1400 students. SAT course was very successful.

Professional development team for break out session presenting different TRIO programs available on campus.

Open Discussion

- FAFSA- starting next year incoming freshmen will receive more Pell Grant money. Requirement is to make \$30,000 or less.
- Trio making an effort to share with school's public relation department in order to promote programs to all students.
- Cluster shared drive was discussed – Eddie to research with Carol Bond.
- Contact Information – please update Eddie by email hoylee@pbcc.edu.

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