

FOOTHILL COLLEGE – STUDENT SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE 2015

Existing Mentoring Programs – Feedback from Teresa Ong

Veterans Resource Center

The veterans receive mentoring from members of the community, in particular, members from the Rotary Club. It is not formalized (no forms, etc). Veterans are connected to a member of the community through the Rotary Club. For example, we had several veterans interested in the legal profession and these students have been meeting with a rotarian who is a lawyer.

Veterans also mentor each other ... again, not formalized, but the more senior veterans often walk the newcomers through all the processes for VA, Foothill, etc. They connect them to DRC, to me, Carmela, EOPS ...

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The DRC does not have a mentoring program. We have a coaching program. Academic coaches funded by a donor are hired each September. This is year 2 of the project. We are looking at the outcomes ... don't have any data for you yet. The coaches function as a prevention system and an alert system. Students whom we think are at risk are placed in the program by the counselors. The coaches work with them on issues such as time management, executive functioning, language processing, etc. The coaches meet with Janet Weber once a week to discuss students and alert counselors to students who are really faltering.

Foster Youth

Nothing in place yet, but I just met with Silicon Valley Children's Fund to draft a proposal for mentoring Foster Youth on Campus. They will provide a RISE coach (a.k.a. a mentor) to the college and this person takes charge of connecting the foster youth to all the services on campus, checks in with them and works with the FY for all their needs. I will be requesting \$ from equity funding for this, and SVCF is willing to do a 1-1 match. My initial thought is to ask Equity for \$15K. \$2.5k for scholarships and book vouchers (*not sure if equity funding will allow for that but will try*) and then \$12.5k for dedicated counseling. With the match we'll have \$25k for counseling and \$5k for scholarships and book vouchers. The \$25K of counseling can go towards a PT counselor. ==> very very initial thoughts... but I do want to leverage equity funding for more money ... and this really could work towards a big wishlist for foster youth. OR we can pay faculty some stipends for mentoring foster youth....