

Spring 26 Promise Program Update

Priscilla Menjivar provided an update on the Spring 26 Promise program, highlighting recent staff transitions and current team members. She explained that the program serves 608 students total (527 full-time and 81 part-time), with a majority identifying as first-generation college students. The program offers multi-year tuition support, textbook vouchers, priority registration, exclusive workshops, and incentives in the form of meal cards or transportation benefits for student engagement. Priscilla emphasized the program's integration with other campus support services like EOPS, TRIO, and learning communities, and noted that while they don't track disability status due to confidentiality concerns, they are open to discussing how to support students with disabilities.

Promise Scholars Program Planning Updates

The meeting focused on updates and planning for the Promise Scholars Program for the fall 2026 semester. Priscilla presented key program details, including academic and financial support for 2-3 years, requirements for full-time and part-time participation, and application deadlines in September with a priority to submit before summer. The team shared updates on their recent participation in the CUNY ASAP convening, where they showcased their work and highlighted student success stories. The upcoming Promise End of the Year graduation celebration was announced for May 6th, and questions about student incentives were addressed, confirming that students receive \$50 per event attended monthly.

Division Meeting Planning Updates

The meeting covered updates about the upcoming division meeting on May 15th, which will focus on participatory governance committees, program reviews, counselor evaluations, and hiring plans for the 26-27 academic year. The group then participated in a breakout room activity where they discussed what has inspired them in their current positions and shared stories about motivating students, including examples of helping older students and those from non-traditional educational backgrounds.

EOPS Program Success Stories Sharing

The meeting focused on sharing inspiring stories and experiences from colleagues working in the EOPS (Extended Opportunities Programs and Services) program. Participants discussed how they build community, support students, and make an impact through initiatives like study abroad programs and scholarships. Keith was highlighted for his behind-the-scenes support, while Danny shared positive experiences working with Manzo and the benefits of their close partnership. The session included a planned "share out" component where participants were to share inspiring moments they heard from colleagues, though the transcript ends with technical difficulties preventing some participants from contributing.

Student Success Stories Sharing Session

The meeting focused on sharing inspiring stories from team members about their work with students. Miriam shared how Chris's work with students revealed the challenges they face, while Sarah discussed students from diverse backgrounds who persevere in education. Dr. Scott shared a success story of a deaf student who obtained a supervisory position at Hyundai, highlighting the impact of educational achievements on students' lives and career prospects. The discussion concluded with a reflection on the transformative nature of their work and the importance of celebrating these achievements amid challenging times.

Super PEP Events and Updates

The meeting began with a discussion about the challenging external environment and the importance of their work in supporting students. The main update focused on Super PEP events scheduled for May 5th and 8th, where counselors were required to work during their overlapping hours, with options to convert remote days or add additional hours. The meeting also covered updates from participatory governance, including a resolution in support of undocumented students due April 13th and the successful accreditation of RSI by DEAC.

Committee Updates and Student Initiatives

The meeting covered updates from various committees and interest areas. Chris provided information about transportation options for students, including Way to Go passes and Gold cards. The group discussed upcoming meetings for IPC, PBC, and SSPC, including presentations on the transfer plan and academic notices. Max shared updates from the ESC meeting, highlighting the district's plans to create a single job board for student employment and new requirements for CPOS and VAR data reporting. The meeting also included information about a new course substitution process that will streamline approvals through an online form and the articulation officer.

Program Updates and Initiatives Meeting

The team discussed updates on various initiatives and events. Nadya shared her work on updating online maps and creating dynamic maps for programs like kinesiology. Juan announced a collaboration presentation on Deported Veterans of America between VROC and UCC on Tuesday. The group also discussed changes to the RadTech program application process, with new requirements for special admit programs across the district. Finally, the meeting included updates from a CSSO conference, highlighting a white paper on the evolving role of counseling in community colleges and a cost-benefit analysis of comprehensive student education plans.