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LatinX Student Success Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Scribe: Erin Rothweiler

Item	Discussion
<p>Welcome, Agenda Review – 2:00 p.m. <i>Advisory Chair</i></p>	<p>The Advisory Group Chair began the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting and going through brief introductions.</p> <p>Meeting Agenda 01 LatinX Advisory Agenda 02.21.2023.pdf</p> <p>Meeting Slidedeck 02.21.2023 LatinX Advisory Meeting Slide Deck.pdf</p>
<p>Legislative Session Update – 2:10 p.m. <i>Zoe Larmer Nicole Peterson</i></p>	<p>Advisors were given an overview on the bill approval and law creation process. A walkthrough of the make-up of the current Oregon legislators was also provided.</p> <p>ODE’s draft legislative agenda was presented to the Advisory Group. Of note are several additional Student Success Plans: the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (HB3144) and the Refugee & Immigrant.</p> <p>Q: “Dismantle” is a powerful word. How does an agency actualize this word? A: For an agency built on democracy it is difficult to actualize, especially in how our work specifically impacts students. We rely on outside groups to question and challenge the agency to do this work.</p> <p>Q: Does the Refugee & Immigrant Plan include our new arrivals or unaccompanied youth? A: The request for this Plan was a large topic of discussion when bills were being proposed as it is closely tied to the work of ODE’s Migrant Education Office.</p> <p>ODE Legislative Session Update Slidedeck 2023 Session - ODE Overview (1).pdf</p>
<p>Legislative Session Update : Debrief – 2:40 p.m.</p>	<p>The Advisory Group was given time to reflect on the Legislative Session presentation, specifically around 4 questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are your initial reactions to the presentation? 2. How do we feel about the bills this session and how they could potentially impact Latinx students and families? 3. What role can the Advisory members play in supporting these bills in the Legislative Session? 4. Are there any particular bills or topics Advisory Members want to get an update about in a future Advisory meeting this Legislative Session? <p>Notes and questions were recorded in a separate document to be conveyed to ODE’s Government Affairs Team.</p>

Advisory Group Membership - 2:55 p.m. <i>Michael Reyes</i>	Michael Reyes reminded the group that many members will be terming-out of their membership in June 2023. Michael will be contacting these members individually to inquire whether they intend to extend their term.
Grantee Presentation – 3:25 p.m. <i>Southern Oregon University</i>	<p>The programs that are implemented and funded through the Latino/a/x & Indigenous Student Success Plan at Southern Oregon University (SOU) are part of the university’s Pre-College Youth Programs. These programs have been around for 42 years primarily serving students in Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties.</p> <p>The Academy program is the oldest program within the Pre-College Youth Program. It serves 5th-8th grade students and involves overnight stays at the college. Several years ago it became evident that the Academy program was not serving a diverse group of students and a concurrent program, Konaway Nika Tillicum, was created in partnership with local Native American tribes. Still feeling like there was not an accurate representation of the full community that SOU serves, the university began the Academia Latina program. This program was similar to the Academy and Konaway programs but tailored specifically to the LatinX community around the university.</p> <p>Academia Latina is a week-long summer academic residential program for youth grades 7-9. Students also have an opportunity to participate in the Academia Leadership program which is a 9-day summer residential program for 10th-11th grade students. The program focuses on 4 main strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Starting Early (promoting college readiness) 2. Bridging or Boundary Crossing 3. Holistic/Wrap-Around Approach 4. Increasing Incentives & Reducing Barriers <p>SOU also hosts the annual Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference. This year the conference will take place on Friday, March 17, 2023. SOU is currently seeking presentations for the following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership ● College & Careers ● Culture, Identity, and Arts ● Life Skills <p>Family inclusion and participation is central to SOU’s program. As such, the university hosts Dia Familiar Latino, a day-long conference with workshops for parents and students grades 8-12th. Conference sessions are offered in Spanish to be more accessible for families.</p> <p>Southern Oregon University Slidedeck  ODE Latinx SSA Grantees Presentation.pptx.pdf</p>
Announcements & Closing – 3:55 p.m. <i>Advisory Chair</i>	<i>No announcements were given at the close of the meeting.</i>
Adjourn - 4:00 p.m.	

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m.