

Title V HSI *Lanzamiento* Grant
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 24, 2021, 11:00-12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pedro Avila, Robert Holcomb, Stephanie Dirks for Kate Jolley, Jane Saldaña-Talley, Jeremy Smotherman, Julie Thompson, Michelle Vidaurri for Matthew Long, Gema Cardona (Intern from UC Berkeley) **Members Absent:** Beatriz Camargo, Laura Larqué, Matthew Long, Anetra McCartney, Mariana Martinez, Debbie Weatherly.

The meeting began at 11:05 a.m.

Dr. Robert Holcomb provided the Steering Committee an update regarding the HSI program rollout, which comes to full fruition with implementation with the 46 fall *Lanzamiento* sections and alignment and integration of all grant activities and resources to those fall sections. *Lanzamiento* instructors were provided grant resources based on their individual priorities through a customized approach. For example, if an instructor indicated PALS, success coaching, and mental health workshops, as top three priorities, program leads from those three areas are following up with that instructor to coordinate those integrated resources for that particular section.

Julie Thompson suggested that the list of fall 2021 *Lanzamiento* sections that appears at the HSI webpage indicate the instructional modality instead of campus location.

Michelle Vidaurri, serving as proxy for Matthew Long, explained how student recruitment strategies into *Lanzamiento* sections are being employed through SRJCRReady. General Counseling and EOPS counselors are also recruiting students into *Lanzamiento* sections.

Jane Saldaña-Talley suggested developing a visual layout of *Lanzamiento* sections and how they relate to transfer requirements and degree requirements as a recruitment tool.

Dr. Holcomb shared and elicited from the Steering Committee preliminary ideas toward programming to support National Hispanic Serving Institution Week, scheduled for September 13-19, 2021.

The following ideas were discussed:

- *dl.staff.all* video announcement, social media
- Board presentation
- Academic Senate meeting presentation
- LFSA *Herencia* event partnership
- An online musical performance
- Highlighting *Lanzamiento* students and key grant personnel
- Information boards or marquee messaging throughout campuses
- Making information about HSI Week available at the College website
- Sharing data pertaining to Latinx students and what it means to be an HSI

Opportunities for SRJC to become more active within the HSI professional community were discussed in relation to the following organizations, events, and resources:

- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
 - 35th Annual Conference (virtual event), October 25-27, 2021
 - SRJC has reactivated its membership with HACU and will need to secure an ongoing funding source for the \$4,570 annual membership fee
- Alliance for Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE)
- National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC)
 - Annual Leadership Symposium, September 16-18, 2021
Robert suggested that a team from SRJC attend and possibly submit a workshop proposal.
- California Community College Organización de Latinx, (COLEGAS)
 - Dr. Pedro Avila is a founding member of this key statewide organization and he suggested that SRJC explore hosting a virtual workshop presentation highlighting our HSI work. SRJC hosted the COLEGAS fall 2019 summit at the Santa Rosa Campus and it was a highly successful and meaningful gathering.

Dr. Holcomb updated the Steering Committee about activities pertaining to the US Department of Education, HSI Division.

Dr. Jane Saldaña Talley described a virtual meeting that she and Robert attended with Program Officer Kurrinn Abrams on June 7, 2021, as a routine follow up to the six-month interim report that had been submitted previously. Jane indicated that Kurrinn seemed impressed overall by our program structure and progress-to-date.

Laura Larqué and Robert Holcomb collaborated with Dr. Brenda Flyswithawks to craft and send letters of invitation to several local Indigenous communities, inviting them to attend SRJC and receive support through the *Lanzamiento* initiative.

Dr. Holcomb has been invited to serve on the “Seasoned Project Directors Panel” at the HSI Virtual Project Directors Conference - August 3-5, 2021.

The next HSI Quarterly Report is due to the Department of Education by July 15, 2021 and it will be sent out to the full Steering Committee, per the usual practice.

The meeting concluded at 11:36 p.m.