

Title V HSI *Lanzamiento* Grant
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 22, 2021, 11:00-12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pedro Avila, Beatrix Camargo, Frank Chong, Robert Holcomb, Kate Jolley, Laura Larqué, Matthew Long, Mariana Martinez, Jane Saldaña-Talley, Jeremy Smotherman, Julie Thompson, Jocelyn Toscano, Debbie Weatherly. **Members Absent:** Jocelyn Toscano

The meeting began at 11:04 a.m.

Members of the Committee took turn introducing themselves, mentioning their role at the College, and their relation to the work of the Committee.

President/Superintendent Dr. Frank Chong provided a brief overview of the College applying for, and attaining, the HSI designation in 2014 and then securing its first Title V HSI grant in 2014. He discussed changing demographics leading to that point and current trends, engagement with community advocacy groups, such as *Los Cien*, and the promising of the new opportunities for continued progress through the new *Lanzamiento* initiative.

HSI Project Director Dr. Robert Holcomb provided an in-depth overview of the grant, reviewing overarching goals, key strategies, objectives, activities, benchmarks, and performance indicators. In this overview, Dr. Holcomb explained how various key personnel, academic departments, student service areas, and other offices aligned and intersected to roll out this instructional programming. Dr. Holcomb then reviewed reporting requirements, including quarterly reports, the six-month interim report, annual performance reports (APRs), plus yearly benchmarks and Board presentations.

HSI Faculty Coordinator Laura Larqué discussed the rollout of key grant activities, namely implementation of HSI-designated *Lanzamiento* course sections and subsequent alignment of grant resources to that broad nexus of courses, assigned faculty, and loose cohort of students. Grant resources include peer tutors, success coaches, library services, dedicated counseling, mental health services, financial aid support, and others. She also reiterated the focus of the grant as reaffirming students' culture background and identities in ways that are bold and empowering. We are building community and capacity and social equity through *Lanzamiento*.

Members of the Steering Committee commented about the need to inform the community and prospective students about this new program, recent conversations and possible collaborations with SSU, scalability, and opportunities to implement an initiative that is broad and comprehensive enough to achieve the institutional impact asserted in performance indicators.

Dr. Holcomb indicated that by the next Steering Committee meeting, he and Laura are aiming to present a list of *Lanzamiento* faculty and sections that will teach in the fall 2021 schedule, along with details about Communities of Practice, through which *Lanzamiento* faculty will begin to engage together and build community.

Members of the Steering Committee expressed optimism about the new *Lanzamiento* initiative and their commitment to supporting its endeavors.