

December 13, 2019
DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: *Mike Reingruber, Carla Williams, Marijana Uremovic, Alison Till, Jim Gyori, Tim Nystrom*

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2019-20

January 24, 2020

February 21, 2020

March 13, 2020

April 24, 2020

2019-20 Goals:

1. Continue increasing communication between high schools and Triton College with a focus on Dual Credit.
2. Continue receiving career related professional development through roundtable discussions from industry professionals and using that information to help guide our students.
3. Explore additional/new college and career software solutions (i.e. Xello) that may be more beneficial for our students..
4. Increase counselor knowledge and exposure for students interested in the trades by taking part in experiential learning (site visits) opportunities for counselors, staff, and students.

Needs to be updated!

Illinois CTE Counselor Academy Webinars

November 21: Marijana/Emily

January 20: Proviso

February 13: Mike/Alison

February 27: Jim/Brandi

Harry Ohde from IBEW Training Facility

Harry had to cancel coming to our meeting due to illness. He said he will be attending the January 24 meeting.

Program Completion Discussion:

The group was asked by Anne to discuss if we could find out reasons why students start and don't finish programs, and any ideas to help get them to finish. Some ideas the group up with:

- Have an exit survey for students--figure out their reason why they didn't continue (i.e. money, opportunity, change of mind, time of the program, etc.)
- Are there certain programs where the program retention is better than others? What kind of things can be taken from that?
- Are we talking about high school programs or college program completion?
- At the college level, are there advisors from the specific programs who work with students through the whole process?

Building Updates:

We discussed what buildings do regarding placement and if a student wants to level up or level down compared to what is recommended. It is interesting to see how all schools do things a little differently.

Ridgewood stated they will be doing more Cohorts next year. Currently they have cohorts in Auto, Criminal Justice, Education, Trades/Manufacturing, and are adding a few more. Elmwood Park has partnered with TCD for cohort programs. Students can go to TCD in the morning or afternoon and go to EP the opposite time frame.

Triton Updates:

Sandra was unable to attend due to illness and will give updates at the next meeting.

Dual Credit Updates:

There have been updates to the online application and live now. There is a proposed change to the placement exam requirement, not requiring dual credit students to have to take this test. This is hopeful to begin in fall of 2020. Registration right now has already surpassed last years numbers.