

**March 12, 2021**

**DVR Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes:**

**Attendees:** *Mike Reingruber, Sarah Wurster, Alison Till, Stephanie Nix, Nikki Mejstrik, Linda Alvarez, Tim Nystrom, Ken Smith, Marijana Uremovic, Mary Casey, Rich Zelinka*

**Location:** Zoom

**Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2020-21**

April 30, 2020

**2020-21 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.

**Professional Development/Career Counseling Requests**

Please give any professional development requests to each building's AC rep. Keep in mind that we may be conducting meetings in this same virtual setting next year.

**Career Assessment Surveys:**

Need to get Anne these numbers in early May. All careers assessments, in all grade levels for this school year should be reported.

**Dual Credit Updates:**

The new dual credit specialist will have an online Tues/Thur 3:30-4:30 time to answer questions. They will use calendly to book individual appointments. They will also be starting up counselor corner workshops soon. The fall 2021 schedule should be ready by April. The college is working on a reopening plan to finalize. They anticipate the criminal justice cohort to run, the CNA cohort to run. They also said there will probably be a computer science cohort. Tim also listed some of the individual cohorts that some of the different schools will be running.

**Connect to College Summer Bridge Program:**

Rich Zelinka joined the group to discuss this program. It is designed to help students strengthen their math skills and get placed into a high level math. The program helps students work on college student skills and study skills. They work on math, reading, and writing. This is a course for students who scored below a 530 on math or possibly struggled in transitional math. They do career exploration skills, study skills. It is 5 weeks from 10-2. They explore all the different programs and buildings that Triton offers. There is a separate application for this program. The hope is all these students attend Triton, but will occasionally matriculate to a different college.

**Triton College Updates--Ken Smith:**

Education Department--cohort model for full info session coming soon. April 27th is a campus visit day. They are starting to host signature events for programs on campus. I.e. Auto has a car show on Sunday April 18th. They are doing a program with more engagement with parents of the community. A virtual session in April.

**Triton College Updates: (Mary Casey)**

Mary filled in for Sandra Berryhill. She stated that when students take the placement exam, it indicates course placement. The student then meets with an advisor who will then promote the sequence of courses, including the summer bridge program if necessary. There was a flyer from the tech department promoting two summer day camps (Gadgets/Glow)--week of July 12. They are working on getting interested students who are interested in the CNA dual credit program. Admission to the nursing program beginning in January of 2022, all students will need to complete their certified nursing assistant license, prior.

**Chair Next Year:**

The committee agreed on Mike remaining as the chair for next year.