President's Response Campus Issue 21-22-05

Committee or Individual: Nahimana Arreola-Bittner Date submitted: 11/15/2021

Issue/Concern: Campus Voting Resources

Summary of Issue:

Currently, Sacramento City College (SCC) is not a voting center. In an effort to increase voter turnout and support the success of students by providing them the opportunity and accessibility to vote, Nahimana Arreola-Bittner and a group of students would like to create a voting center on campus, as well as a dropbox center.

Action Taken:

Dec. 2, 2021: The campus issue was presented to the Executive Council. After discussion, the Council recommended that the issue be referred to Interim VPA Stephanie Smith and Dean of Engagement and Completion Tanya Anderson for investigation and response. M. Kekahu emailed Interim VPA Smith and Dean Anderson.

Dec. 13, 2021: Dean Anderson responded to the campus issue via email, stating that they will work in conjunction with the Student Leadership and Development Office to gather information and determine application process.

Jan. 18, 2022: M. Kekahu communicated with Dean Anderson via email. Dean Anderson updated M. Kekahu on the campus issue via email, including information provided by the Student Leadership and Development Supervisor Deborah Knowles, who stated that Campus Operations Supervisor Brenda Buckner was actively working on SCC's application to become a voting center. Supervisor Knowles also stated that student leaders had paused their efforts on this campus issue after learning that Supervisor Buckner was already submitting the application. M. Kekahu followed-up with Supervisor Buckner via email.

Jan. 25, 2022: Supervisor Buckner updated M. Kekahu on the campus issue via email, stating that the County of Sacramento Voting Registrations Office will be using SCC's Student Center as a voting center from June 1 through June 10, 2022 (including set-up, voting dates 06/04 - 06/07, and pick-up). In addition, Supervisor Buckner stated that people are needed to work the voting events, and that more information can be found on the Sacramento County website, including hourly pay and required training.

Jan. 25, 2022: M. Kekahu discussed the campus issue with Supervisor Buckner over the phone. Updates included from Supervisor Buckner: A student put in the application; there were several parameters that needed to be met; County assessed SCC in summer 2021 and stated that it could work as a voting center; late 2021 SCC is approved as voting center; permit submitted Jan. 2022' voting center will be in student center; set-up and take-down is included and provided by County; SCC will be a voting center beginning June 2022; and students may be able to work at the voting centers if they complete training and hiring process.

Jan. 26, 2022: Supervisor Buckner updated Dean Anderson via email with the same information shared with M. Kekahu. Dean Anderson responded, stating that this would be communicated with Supervisor Knowles and student government.

Feb. 3, 2022: Supervisor Buckner's updates were discussed in Executive Council. Director Margaret Lednicky presented information to Executive Council. After review, the Council voted that the campus issue should be closed, since the application has been approved and SCC will be a voting center in summer 2022.

Feb. 3, 2022: President's Response completed, and Issuers notified. Campus Issue is closed.

President's Response to Executive Council:

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I have heard the discussion on Campus Issue 21-22-05.

To follow-up on this campus issue the following actions are directed in accordance with the Executive Council's response: The County of Sacramento Voting Registrations Office has approved SCC's application and will be using SCC's campus as a voting center in summer 2022. This campus issue is resolved. Campus Issue 21-22-05 is closed.

02/03/2022

Michael Gutierrez, President Date