

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Human Services

11/9/15

10:30am

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ITEM 1. *Presentation from a current Human Services Student*

Discussion:

James Keller told the Council how the Human Services program has helped him toward achieving his goals.

Action:

The Council members enjoyed his story. We may have a student representative/speaker at future meetings.

ITEM 2. *Human Services Updates*

Discussion:

- Goals for the year were reviewed and discussed
 - Goal 1: Create and implement clear education paths for students in the Human Services program
 - Update: Since the Florida State guidelines changed, a clear path cannot yet be made. Once Human Services degree tracks have been modified and approved, this goal will resume.
 - Goal 2: Modify Fieldwork classes for improved communication, expectations and desired outcomes.
 - Update: The Council had recommended that an information packet for Fieldwork Site Supervisors be created and distributed. This was successfully implemented. They also recommended that students meet on the first day of class with potential Fieldwork Site Supervisors. This was also implemented.
 - The Council's requests for EQ and interviews were discussed. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- Program Update
 - The Human Services program has grown substantially each year since it was created. This last year it plateaued as a medium sized program at PBSC.
 - Students have requested that PBSC consider starting a Human Services Bachelors Program. The moratorium put in place by the Governor of Florida to put a hold on starting new Bachelors programs at State Colleges was recently removed.
 - We continue to have a successful articulation agreement in place with FAU's Bachelor of Social Work program. Student's report that FAU is not as supportive and the classes can at times be disappointing. This has also been a reason why students would prefer PBSC start a Bachelor in Human Services program.
- Change in Florida State Guidelines
 - The State of Florida recently changed their guidelines for all Human Services programs.
 - Current Human Services General CCC is 27 credits and needs to be reduced to 18
 - Current Youth Development CCC is 30 credits and needs to be changed to 18
 - Current Addiction Studies CCC is 39 and needs to be changed to 24
 - Current Human Services General AS is 65 and needs to be changed to 60

- Current Youth Development AS is 65 and needs to be changed to 60
 - Current Addiction Studies AS is 73 and needs to be changed to 60
 - PBSC will modify all Human Services tracks with potential implementation scheduled for Fall 2016
 - Cindy Johnson (Advising) needs to be informed of all changes.
- Human Services Fieldwork Experience
 - Ideas for improving the Fieldwork experience so the program is producing competent, informed and skilled workers into the Human Services field were discussed.
 - Human Services faculty will discuss further and report back to the Council at a later date
 - Council members reiterated the importance of increasing professionalism in students. Examples were given.
 - Students should not up-speak supervisors (sound indecisive, lack confidence and motivation)
 - Address students who no call-no show
 - Students need to be reminded that the world doesn't revolve around them
 - Tell interviewers how you are going to add to their team
 - Students are there to work for the organization/agency, they are not there to appease the student.
 - Students need to be open minded, professional and polite. Be careful of being too specific ("I only want to work with children who have been neglected, not abused...and they have to be between the ages of 5 and 7 and I don't want to do paperwork").
 - Reiterate to students the importance of this field. You need to be in it with your heart, not just for a paycheck. What you do can greatly or negatively affect someone's life.
- New Adjunct Faculty
 - Lisa Litz: Human Services and Addiction Studies
 - Danielle Friedman Kaye: Youth Development

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Attendance

Professor Suzie Duff (Human Services Business Partnership Council Chair), Dr. Mia Ocean (Professor in Addiction Studies), Dr. Andrew Blair (Department Chair of Psychology), Professor George Stoupas (Professor in Human Services and Psychology), Cindy Johnson (PBSC Advisor), Sharon L'Herrou (211), Rita Glancz (DCF)

Submitted by: _____

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