

District-wide Counseling and Advising - March 2021

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What Office/Program are you discussing?

Advising & Outreach

What would you like the group to know?

My position as the Interim Advising & Outreach Manager will be ending on March 19th as I transition into a new role in HR. Alia and I have been working closely to try and make this transition as smooth as possible.

High school senior application workshops are in progress. Thank you to all the programs that provided materials, the high schools are very appreciative.

Author

Colin Trujillo

What Office/Program are you discussing?

EOPS & CARE

What would you like the group to know?

EOPS is happy to welcome back Jordan Walsh as our new interim assistant director beginning March 22nd. Our book voucher is now closed. The EOPS application is still open and we still have a lot of great resources to provide students including gift cards for transportation and school supplies. EOPS doesn't accept new students over the summer so students hoping to take advantage of our summer book voucher and other services should apply now. Additionally special programs tutoring coordinator Alex Wright is leaving EOPS so questions about tutoring should be sent directly to eops-staff@redwoods.edu. Lastly we will be awarding one EOPS student a \$750 CCCEOPSA scholarship. Scholarship info is being sent directly to EOPS students and the deadline to apply is May 31st.

Author

Angela Stewart

What Office/Program are you discussing?

Transfer

What would you like the group to know?

HSU is still accepting students for Fall 2021 who are suddenly realizing Fall 2021 admission is a good option for them. They are still willing to honor the 49 unit "exception" for Fall 2021 students if they have also completed English, Math, and you feel with your solid professional judgement that the student is ready to transfer to HSU. This opportunity will not last forever, so transfer students planning to transfer Spring 2022 and beyond should still be advised to meet normal admission requirements. If you are working with a student who wants to be considered for these exceptions email Steve Ladwig at HSU directly with your student cc'ed in the email: steven.ladwig@humboldt.edu

What Office/Program are you discussing?

Division updates (general to Arts/humanities/BSS/STEM)

What would you like the group to know?

Update on overall arts/humanities/behavioral social science/STEM: The deans have been working really hard to anticipate what fall might look like. They say it has been the hardest semester to plan

for because no one knows what the state of the pandemic will be like as time continues and the vaccine becomes more widely offered. As a result, they are strategizing to offer courses in fully online, hybrid, and face to face format.

With that said, some face to face formats may be reduced in seat cap or switched to online over time should it be deemed necessary by the instructor or the college. Courses offered online will not be switched from online to face to face. We will likely be seeing a lot of hybrid science courses with an online lecture, in person lab.

Courses will be released for fall viewing/registration soon. There will likely be more classes added to the fall as things fill up.

What Office/Program are you discussing?

Division updates (STEM specific)

What would you like the group to know?

STEM summer offerings: Mike Haley has been working to solidify summer offerings. At a minimum we can count on seeing these offered over the summer online in 8 week sections:

Astro 10, Bio 1, 2, 6, 8, Math 30, Math 5, Geo 10, 2 sections of Chem 2, and 2 sections of Math 15 (he can add another if its needed), Geol 10, math/math for chem review: Math 301, 302, 303, 304/204

There might be some other science/math offerings, but details still need to get figured out to ensure that they could run.

BIOLOGY SPECIFIC UPDATES: BIO 1 AND 3 RELATED: As always, not a year goes by without confusion around BIO 1: students who don't need it take it, students who should definitely NOT take it still wind up in there somehow.

Things for us to always remember, but especially so since capacity will be reduced in Bio 1 next semester:

Students going into a STEM field should be steered toward Bio 3, 4 & 5, never bio 1.

Bio 1 best serves students eventually needing Bio 2, 6, and 7. Please redirect all other students elsewhere if possible. Bio 1 fills up extremely fast and some students really are desperate to take it for their larger goals. Students who don't really need it can be steered toward other classes that might better fit their interests to make room for those truly, truly needing bio 1.

BIO 20 RELATED: Bio 20 Natural History of California is awesome and will be coming back: 2 sections of Bio 20 are being considered for next semester's schedule. Bio 20 is a FANTASTIC class for a variety of student interests. It's hands on and exploratory nature is really great for students who are kind of scared of or nervous about taking a science class, as well as for those who just love science, or those who want to learn more about natural history and the things we see around us in nature every day. It meets CSU, CR, and IGETC life science and lab requirements, and there is some kind of cool natural history certificate thing students can qualify for after completing the course. Students who don't know what to take for science or who want to learn a different aspect of biology may find they really enjoy this class.

MATH SPECIFIC UPDATES: The math pathways flyer is currently being looked at for revisions since the "math lab" format has changed. However the front of the current pathways flyer can still be used, and is still worth revisiting as a reminder that students usually have a math class that is best for them to take based on their major. If you or students aren't sure what math class is best to be taken for a major, consult assist.org. The math department is still making efforts to ensure student's don't wind up in the "wrong math" for them to avoid students having unneeded coursework, extra units, and confusion. One of the common misconceptions still around is that students should be taking math 5 "to prepare" for math 15, which is not true. Students feeling the need for more readiness for stats should be considering math jam, math 15S, and the various other math supports we have available for students.

Here is a link to the current math pathways chart:

https://www.redwoods.edu/Portals/53/MathPathways_031320%20%281%29.pdf

Some of our math faculty is also very interested in meeting with counselors and advisors across the district to answer any and all questions we have about math and to start to create a path for feedback with what the students are telling us they are experiencing in their math classes, and how the department can use that information to best help students be successful in their math classes. Keep an eye out in the future for planning around such a meeting.

Author

Debbie Romero

What Office/Program are you discussing?

CalWORKs

What would you like the group to know?

CalWORKs: The CalWORKs Program supports student "parents," who are participating in the "Welfare to Work Program." Students are generally referred to us through the County, Department of Health and Human Services, CalWORKs Program.

CalWORKs isn't: CalWORKs is not a Work-Study program, or a job placement program. We do not assist in providing jobs to students. However, the program does supplement 75% of an eligible CalWORKs students Work-Study wage.

Author

Stacy Brown

What Office/Program are you discussing?

Disability Services and programs for Students

What would you like the group to know?

The LIGHT Center is still accepting DSPS students for enrollment in spring Guidance classes. 1 unit Guidance 145 - 148 gives students access to one-on-one tutoring in subjects ranging from Math, Science, and English. All spring 2021 Guidance classes are offered on Zoom. Non-credit Guidance 246 is available to students who have maxed out their attempts in Guid-145-148.

Both the DSPS Student and the DSPS Staff & Faculty Awareness Surveys for spring 2021 were sent out March 9. Your feedback is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey - the survey will close March 31.

Author

Matthew Christman

What Office/Program are you discussing?

Financial Aid

What would you like the group to know?

Calls are being made to students with a completed financial aid file & bad SAP who have yet to submit a SAP Appeal.

The Spring SAP Appeal Deadline is April 23, 2021.

CR Admission Application workshops are currently being scheduled with local high schools. Financial Aid Office Workshops are posted on our workshops page, students can register for live workshops or view recorded workshops: <https://www.redwoods.edu/financialaid/Financial-Aid-Home/Workshops>