



College of the Canyons
Institutional Effectiveness and Inclusive Excellence (IE)²
Steering Committee

Meeting Agenda | November 14, 2023
Bonelli Hall-241 or Zoom | 3-5pm
Refreshments provided in BONH-241

Zoom Access:

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For this meeting, we ask that all committee members visit the [Institutional Effectiveness and Inclusive Excellence](#) website to have all the information needed to come to the meeting feeling prepared. If you are new to the committee, the website will provide an overview of Canyons Completes and the work that has taken place. For additional information, please reach out to [Daylene Meuschke](#) or [Jasmine Ruys](#) for one-on-one updates.

Agenda:

Meeting Theme: Building Connection Opportunities to Support Student Success

The **overarching goal** for this meeting is to reflect on personal/departmental efforts that foster connections for students as well as identifying a plan for increasing support for first-generation students participating in Canyons Promise starting with the Fall 2024 cohort.

1. **Welcome and Brief Introductions** (Daylene Meuschke - 5 minutes)
The purpose of this item is to welcome everyone, as well as provide a brief overview of the Committee's purpose, vision, mission and guiding principles.
2. **Recap highlights and takeaways from the *Enhancing and Redesigning the Student Experience: A Conversation with Our Students*** (student panel) at the October 10th meeting (Daylene Meuschke – 5 minutes).
3. **Equity and Guided Pathways – Next Level:** (Guided Pathways Regional Coordinator, Brandy Thomas - 15 minutes)

The purpose of this item is for our Guided Pathways Regional Coordinator to share insights from her GP work with colleges and provide ideas on how we can use an equity-focused, GP framework to advance our current efforts, locally branded as Canyons Completes.

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4. **Building Personal/Departmental and Institutional Connections to Support Student Success** (20-minute breakout room reflection and 15-minute large group report out)

The purpose of this item is to discuss the pre-work for this meeting by identifying a) strengths and b) opportunities for growth as it relates to the following questions:

- How does my everyday work help foster students' connection to their pathway and the campus?
- How do I build relationships with students, colleagues or departments to help foster students' connection to their pathway and the campus?
- How does our institution help foster students' connection to their pathway and the campus?
- How do we infuse caring for our students, each other and ourselves into our Guided Pathways Framework?

5. **Designing Connection Opportunities for First-Generation Students Within Canyons Promise** (Framing by Jasmine Ruys-3 minutes; Breakout Room Instructions by Brandy Thomas 3-minutes; Breakout Room Discussion-20 minutes; Breakout Room Report Out-20 minutes)

The purpose of this item is to brainstorm how the committee and college can provide connection opportunities focused on our first-generation student population within the Canyons Promise program with the goal of developing an annual calendar of connection opportunities. This builds on part of the committee's Vision to "purposefully identify essential experiences for all students coupled with individualized support based on student needs". In addition, this item honors the committee's discussion at the May 2023 meeting to establish workgroups for new efforts and is aligned with the recommendations from the recent [Canyons Promise 5-Year evaluation](#).

Breakout Room Discussion:

- What topics should be included for first-generation connection opportunities throughout the year and at what point should they be included (e.g., applying for financial aid or scholarships)?
- What effective communication strategies should be considered?
- Who are the key partners/efforts on campus that can be included and leveraged for supporting our first-generation students?

6. **Wrap Up and Announcements** (10 minutes)

- a. Associated Student Government
- b. Canyons Cares
- c. Campus Life & Student Engagement
- d. Intercultural Center
- e. Equity-Minded Practitioners

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- f. Support Programs and Services (e.g., Empowerment Programs, Financial Aid, URC, Rising Scholars, Veterans, MESA, TLC)
- g. Other Announcements

Next Meeting: February 13, 2024 (3-5pm)



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