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2023-2024 REVIEW

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM REVIEW AND PLANNING FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Program Review is a self-study of your unit. For non-instructional program review, the definition of what is a unit varies based upon your division. A unit may be a department (e.g., Information Services, Institutional Research and Planning, Financial Aid), a program (e.g., EOPS, TRIO), or a division (Human Resource Services). The Vice Presidents for each division have identified/defined the units that will complete the review cycle.

Regardless of whether your unit is a program, department, or division, program review is about documenting the plans you have for improving Institutional Effectiveness in your area and sharing that information with the college community. Through the review of and reflection on key elements, Program Review and Planning identifies program strengths and strategies necessary to improve the operation of your area. With that in mind, please answer the following questions.

BASIC UNIT INFORMATION

Are you completing a Comprehensive or Annual PRP?

Annual

Division Name

Student Services

Department Name

SS Student Success, Equity, and Counseling

Program/Unit Name

---Puente

Name of Person responsible for the Program/Unit

Daniela McIntosh and Michael Lundell

Website address(es) for your program(s)/unit(s)

Webpage URL 1

Unit webpage

<https://www.palomar.edu/puente/>

Please list all participants and their respective titles in this Program Review

Participant

Daniela McIntosh

Title

Puente Counselor and Co-Coordinator

PROGRAM/UNIT DESCRIPTION

Staffing

In this section, you will identify how many faculty and staff support your program. This information is considered when you request permanent staff and faculty hires. It is also useful as you evaluate your program and the human resources and talent you have to support our students.

To help you answer questions in this section, you will need the link shown in red below. This form required a login and password to access. Please use your Palomar email and password to log in.

Link: [Permanent Faculty and Staff Count](#)

Full-Time Staff

Total Number of Full-time Staff

0.00

Number of Classified Staff

0.00

Number of CAST Staff

0.00

Number of Administrators

0.00

Number of Full-time Faculty

1.25

Part-Time Staff

Total Number of Permanent Part-time Staff

0.00

FTE of Part-time Staff (2x19 hr/wk=.95)

0.00

FTEF of Part-time Faculty

0.00

Describe additional temporary hourly or contract staff who support this unit and/or department. (Include FWS/District Student Workers/Veteran Student Workers)

We receive support from Adriana J Alvarez who is a short term employee with expense requisitions for field trips and program events.

Program/Unit Description

Have the services your unit performs changed in any way over the past year?

With the hire of a full time 100% reassigned Puente Counselor, the services have changed. This has allowed the Puente Counselor to take on additional responsibilities within the coordination role. The coordination duties have expanded to include updating the Puente website, creating recruitment material such as flyers for the program and being responsible to print and distribute them, secure transportation for field trips, secure location for events (on campus and off campus venues), provide support at the Carino Dream Village, provide presentations to faculty and staff such as the scheduled Student Services Information Session, attend additional conferences such as the scheduled HSI Symposium with NCHES, request Puente merchandise from vendors such as the Palomar College Bookstore, and bolster the mentoring component by returning to a one on one mentorship structure. The Puente Counselor is also working in collaboration with the Region X Puente Alliance which includes Puente Programs from local Community Colleges, and we have attended a joint trip to SDSU titled SDSU Puente Day on March 15, 2024. The opening of the Carino Dream Village has allowed for Puente students to have a place to foster community by holding their Puente Club Meetings in this space, using the space for socializing, and studying. Puente and the Dreamer Success Program are currently collaborating with Behavioral Health Services Mental Health Therapist Mariana Guzman and have created a series called "Healthy Mind, Sana Mente" that aims to break down the stigma of seeking Behavioral Health Counseling Services. These sessions are taking place at the Carino Dream Village twice a month. All the above mentioned is beyond the teaching and counseling role that the counselor provides.

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PROGRAM/UNIT ASSESSMENT

SERVICE AREA OUTCOME ASSESSMENT

GOT SERVICE AREA OUTCOMES?

Outcomes are statements written in support of student learning to show direct support (instruction) or indirect support (services) provided on campus. Assessment is the way we measure how well we are achieving our outcomes.

For non-instructional areas, outcomes are called Service Area Outcomes (SAO).

So, what is an SAO?

A Service Area Outcome (SAO) is a statement about what a client will experience, receive, or know as a result of a given service. Clients can be students, faculty, staff, or community members.

As part of our three-year planning and review cycles, all non-instructional units are asked to:

- identify at least two SAOs,
- develop a plan and assess their SAOs,
- reflect on the results, and
- take action, as necessary.

Palomar uses Nuventive Improve as our official repository for SLO and SAO Assessment information.

Review and/or define your SAOs and assessment plans and ensure they are entered in Nuventive Improve by doing the following:

- 1) Login to Nuventive Improve through the Palomar College [Single Sign-on](#).
- 2) Check your SAOs for **currency** and **sunset** any SAOs if you no longer plan to assess them.

3) Revise or edit your current SAOs by revising their wording and/or updating the assessment method and/or assessment results, if appropriate.

NEED HELP?

Nuventive Improve:

1) If you need help with anything Nuventive Improve related such as login, unit identification, entering SAO info, contact Marti Snyder at msnyder2@palomar.edu.

2) Check out this video on how to enter SAOs in Nuventive Improve: <https://youtu.be/b1sRa68wm4c>

Defining and Assessing SAOs:

Not sure if your SAOs make the grade? Need some help writing an SAO? Not sure about how to assess your SAOs?

1) [Hartnell's SAO Guide](#) is a nice resource! Thank you Hartnell!

2) Contact Michelle Barton at mbarton@palomar.edu. We have a resource support team to help.

A template for entering SAOs can be found on the [IR&Ps Non-instructional Program Review and Planning website](#)

SERVICE AREA OUTCOMES TEMPLATE					
Date Identified or Last Reviewed	Description of SAO (What is your SAO?)	Assessment Method (How will/ do you measure or assess it?)	Criterion (How will/ do you know if you met the outcome?)	Date of Assessment	Date of Next Assessment
1)					
2)					
3)					
4)					

Are all of your unit's SAOs and assessment plans UPDATED and ENTERED in Nuventive Improve?

Yes

SAOs SUMMARIES AND REFLECTIONS

Each of your program/unit SAOs should be assessed at least once every three years. If you have completed any SAO assessments over the past year, summarize what you learned from the assessment and what improvements you have implemented or plan to implement as a result of your SAO assessments. If you have not completed SAO assessments, document why (e.g., SAO was assessed last year).

SAOs

SAO 1

SAO Title

Cohort enrollment persistence rate will be at 70% from Fall to Spring semesters

Assessment Status

Assessed

SAO Summary and Reflection

21 out of 23 students have continued enrollment into the Puente Cohort from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024 semester. That is a 91% persistence rate. The program originally had 23 students, one student was added to Spring 2024 making this a 24 student cohort. However, one student did not enroll for Spring 2024, since the student did not respond to contact attempts, we are not aware of the reasons for the student not continuing. A different student was dropped from the cohort in March due to excessive absences in both Eng 202 and COUN 101. The student did not respond to phone calls or email attempts made. The current cohort has 22 students.

SAO 2

SAO Title

Increase Participation in Puente Program Events

Assessment Status

Assessed

SAO Summary and Reflection

22 students attended our SDSU Puente Day on March 15, 2024 which was 100% of our cohort.
17 students attended our Mentor Mixer event on March 9th. Most students cited work commitments as the reason for the absence from the event. This event was also on Saturday. The Puente Day was on a Friday, so possibly considering holding more events during the week than over the weekend would result in higher numbers.
We had about five Puente students attend the Healthy Mind, Sana Mente BHCS workshop at the Carino Dream Village.

My limitations include that I started my role as the Puente Counselor Spring 2024, and I do not have the data regarding events and participation for Fall 2023 that I can provide in the review.

OTHER ASSESSMENT DATA

Review the Quantitative and Qualitative Data from your comprehensive review. If there are updates please describe them below. Completed comprehensive reviews can be found on the IRP website - "Completed PRPs".

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Describe your program's achievements this past year. Where possible, describe how these achievements are related to our students and their success!

Fall 2023: Students attended the 2023 Motivational Conference at CSUSB Fall 2023, and held a Noche de Familia event October 2023. The Carino Dream Village opened September 2023 and Puente students use the space to socialize, study, and to hold their Puente Club meetings. Students attended a Mission Bay Trip with other Puentistas in Region X with the San Diego Puente Alliance.

Spring 2024:

This year we began our mentoring component cycle during Spring 2024, and it will run until December 2024. This means that a mentor will start their mentoring relationship with a Phase 2 student (a student that completed COUN 110 and ENGL 100/49 in the Fall semester) with the Puente Mentor Mixer in Spring 2024 and continue after the student becomes a Phase 3 student, which is determined once a student complete the first year of the Puente cohort. This will allow us a way to track Phase 3 student's engagement in the mentoring component of our program. Our mentoring component is a one to one ratio (mentor and mentee). The mentorship component is set as a calendar year versus an academic year (January-December 2024 vs. 2023-2024 school year) for two reasons: One was very purposeful because it allowed the English instructor to get to know students well, therefore allowing matches to be made beyond career interests with a community member but allowed there to be connections to hobbies and interests between mentors and mentees. Two was due to the English professor's preference to wait for the full time Puente Counselor to be hired to help develop the mentoring program and continue to recruit mentors, plan the Mentor Mixer, and help determine mentor matches. 17 students attended the Puente Mentor Mixer and 20 mentor community members attended the event.

22 students attended the SDSU Puente Day field Trip March 15, 2024. This is 100% of all of our students. Students have formed familias, and in these family groups students have found a way to be accountable to each other including attendance to class and to Puente events. Both Puente coordinators have helped foster community and relationship amongst the current cohort. We prioritize relationship building and check in on students often. Students help by providing feedback and providing help with setting up of events such as the set up for the Puente Mentor Mixer.

Healthy Mind, Sana Mente workshops have started as a resource for Puente and Dreamer Success Students. The meetings are being held at the Carino Dream Village. The purpose is to help break down the stigma of seeking behavioral health counseling.

Describe any recent changes in legislation, policies, procedures, processes, and/or technology (software and hardware) that have impacted or will impact your program/unit. What effect will these changes have on your program/unit?

The Carino Dream Village has been a wonderful space for our students, but we need a full time permanent staff that will manage the space including the supervision of student workers, managing of room reservations, ensuring staffing at front desk, ensuring materials are readily available, being the contact person for IT and other needs as related to the space. This is different than our programs' coordinators; Puente, Umoja, and the Dreamer Success Program have coordinators that coordinate their respective programs which may include events, one one meetings, teaching and counseling, managing budgets, distributing and gathering resources, ordering merchandise for events, arranging transportation, recruitment, website upkeep, marketing materials, and more. It would serve the college and our students to have staffing specific to the day to day operations of the space.

In addition to (or in response to) the changes listed above, what board policies, procedures, and processes need to be updated, created, or deleted?

Continue to consult with the Puente Statewide Office when considering major changes that impact Puente positions. They have experience counselors and instructors who serves as Puente Co-Coordinators, and they have a wealth of knowledge on best practices and what has worked and hasn't worked in other colleges. This is especially important when we begin to discuss expanding services such as adding a Math course to the Puente cohort at Palomar College. There are models at other community colleges that we can research and learn from.

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PROGRESS ON PRIOR PRP GOALS

Review the goals listed on your comprehensive review and summarize progress you have made on the strategies for implementation. If your unit has experienced challenges implementing the goals, describe those challenges.

Click on "+Add Goal" below for each additional goal.

[Click here for previous PRPs with goal information.](#)

Prior PRP Goals

Goal 1

Brief Description

Increase the number of applicants for the Puente Program to strengthen interest and growth of the program.

Choice

Ongoing

Add any comments related to your work on prior goal. Include outcomes or progress, successes and challenges, and reason(s) for eliminating a goal, if applicable.

I am currently working on updating the Puente website as part of my recruitment efforts. Our website had web pages that are not as relevant to student recruitment or communicating to our students our three components: Mentoring, Counseling, and English Instruction. Other Community Colleges' Puente websites are cleaner and it is easier to find information, and I want to replicate some components. I have updated a page titled Join the Puente Program with clear steps as well as a link to the Student Interest Form and recruitment flyers along with a QR code that directs students back to the Interest Form. The flyer is also now in Spanish.

However, assistance with the Puente website would be appreciated and this could come from a student worker or staff that has experience in working with WordPress. Though I have found updating the website to be enjoyable and something I would like to keep working on, I currently have four big projects to work on the last half of the semester: End of the Year Celebration, Recruitment for the 2024-2025 school year, MIS data, and program review. However, the website is extremely important in being able to disseminate information to students and High School Counselors, this is a high priority project. Lastly, the addition of a full time Puente Counselor at 100% reassigned time will allow the Puente Counselor to provide quality programming, events, field trips that will leave a positive impression with students who will then tell their peers, their high school friends and counselors, as well as their family members about the Puente Program strengthening interest in the program.

Goal 2

Brief Description

Develop systematic student-data record keeping process to assess Puente student data, including but not limited to number of units completed, degree attainment, transfer achievement in order to run queries on PeopleSoft for Puente student data analysis.

Choice

Ongoing

Add any comments related to your work on prior goal. Include outcomes or progress, successes and challenges, and reason(s) for eliminating a goal, if applicable.

I have not been able to make contributions to this prior goal. However, I do believe that a new education planning system would assist if it has a capability to create degree audits and what ifs in a manner that is accessible and easy to pull by students and counselors. This data is valuable to us, especially students who are in the transfer application process (Phase 3 students).

The Vision Plan 2035 includes the College's Educational Vision Plan. Review the goals and objectives in the plan and identify 1-3 objectives that your unit supports. Describe how your unit helps to support those objectives.

Goal 1. Reimagine and redesign instruction and student services to increase student success.

2. Ensure students experience timely, welcoming, and barrier-free support services aligned with their career and transfer pathways.

I support Goal 1:2 by advocating for our students to have an esars link to book their own appointments with me, their Puente Counselor. This simplifies the process for Puente students: instead of having to ask the counseling front desk in person or phone, or using the general counseling self booking which includes the schedules of multiple counselors, Puente students can directly access my schedule via that link. These appointments are reserved only for Puente students.

Goal 1:4 Ensure classrooms and learning spaces support active, inclusive, and engaging teaching and learning environments.

I work in the Carino Dream Village on Thursdays. This allows me to be able to build community with other students in the Umoja and Dreamer Success Program, as well as our Puente students. I keep my door open when I am not seeing students for counseling so I can greet students and answer any questions I may be able to. If a student who is not in my program is seeking a different program coordinator, I take their information down and follow up so the coordinator can check in with the student.

Goal 3:1 Meet enrollment goals by attracting new students and increasing the persistence of our current students.

Through recruitment efforts, I am currently updating the Puente website to be more informational and attractive to students so they may seek out more information regarding the program. I have also provided and will continue to provide recruitment flyers to our Outreach Office.

Describe any changes to your goals or three-year plan as a result of this annual update.

N/A

RESOURCES

Congratulations! You are nearing completion. In this section, you will consider the resources you need to implement your three-year program review plan and/or address any findings from your assessment of your discipline.

The section is organized into the following five parts:

PART 1: Staffing Needs (Faculty and Additional Staff)

PART 2: Budget Review

PART 3: Technology Needs

PART 4: Facilities Needs

PART 5: One Time Request for Other Needs (NonTechnology Equipment, Supplies, Operating Expenses, Travel)

Reflect upon the three year plan you created above, your current operations, and any upcoming factors (retirements, changes in legislation, and changes in policies or procedures) that will impact your unit. How will you allocate resources to implement your plan? Describe additional resources needed to improve the effectiveness of your unit/program. All resource requests must be aligned with the College's [Vision Plan 2035](#)

Summarize any reallocation/re-organization of resources you are making based upon your three-year plan, your current operations, and any other factors (e.g., legislation). Describe the impact of the reallocation of resources to your unit.

NOTE: All requests listed in the PRP will be reviewed by deans and supervisors, then forwarded to the appropriate review group for prioritization. A resource requests approved to move forward in the review process does NOT guarantee a position or funding.

PART 1: STAFFING NEEDS

This year, units are asked to identify new positions only as part of the PRP process. Vacant positions will be addressed outside of the PRP process.

If you are requesting STAFF, please fully complete this section. If not, you can skip to the next resource section. Click "+Add Staff, CAST, AA request" below for each additional request.

When considering the funds required for a position, consult the HR website for position salary schedule and the [Benefits Worksheet](#) for additional costs related to benefits for the position.

Are you requesting new Classified, CAST, or AA positions?

Yes

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSIFIED, CAST, AA

Staff, CAST, AA request 1

Title of position

Program Specialist

Is the position request for AA, CAST, or Classified staff?

Classified

Is this request for a full-time or part-time position?

Part Time

How does the position fill a critical need for current, future, or critical operations? (e.g. accreditation, health and safety, regulatory, legal mandates, institutional priorities, program trend analyses of growth/stability.)

-Assist with event planning, especially on campus events such as Noche de Familia and the End of the Year Celebration that require reserving a space, requesting catering services, ordering/planning for decor, creating RSVPs, creating invitations, printing out material such as certificates, programs, and parking permits.

-Assist with Puente website.

-Create and maintain filing systems, both electronic and physical, including entering student data into electronic software.

-Assist in field trip planning: securing transportation, assisting in food/eating arrangements

-Manage requisitions, vendor information, and process paperwork for payment, placing orders, travel, reserving rooms etc

-Assist with recruitment by assisting with Puente Program Information Sessions

Does the position assist in establishing more efficient District Operations through either of the following: reorganization/restructuring OR use of technology?

Yes, reorganization. Hiring a Puente Program specialist would facilitate recruiting by serving Puente students. This role would ensure that the Puente Professors/co-coordinators can focus on teaching, counseling, and programming for students. This position would assist in the establishment of collecting accurate student data for tracking purposes as well.

Is there funding that can help support the position outside of general funds?

No

Describe how this position helps implement or support your three-year PRP plan.

The Puente Program Specialist position would allow the Puente Program Professors/Co-Coordiators to dedicate more time to working with students and developing programming activities for the Puente cohorts. Currently, the program co-coordinators spend a considerable length of time on clerical tasks such as processing paperwork for purchases, creating promotional materials, seeking resources to carry out tasks, and more. This position would help us to meet our goals in adequately keeping track of student data, hosting community building and cultural events, and growing the Puente Program. Overall, this position would support our goals of helping our students graduate from Palomar College, transfer to four-year colleges, and have them return to serve as mentors to their communities.

Vision Plan 2035 Goals and Objectives

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If the position is not moved forward for prioritization, how will you address this need?

PART 2: BUDGET REVIEW

Review your Budget/Expenditure reports for 2021, 2022, 2023. Consider your three-year PRP plan.

Click on the link below to access directions to the *Available Budget Report* to complete this section.

[How to Request the Available Budget Report](#)

Reflecting on your three-year PRP plan, are there any budget considerations you would like your dean/supervisor to be aware of for the upcoming year?

Yes

What budget considerations would you like your dean/supervisor to be aware of or to consider? Please be as specific as possible. For example, if you need an increase in the 40000 account and a decrease in the 23000 account, describe what increase your department needs, how much, and a description of why the department needs the adjustment.

We would like to be able to use as much of our Puente funds as possible for the remaining of the school year. This includes the End of Year Celebration which includes books, entertainment, food, decor, printing materials and merchandise. Merchandise includes a request to order customized merch from the bookstore.

As previously stated: It is necessary to establish general District funding to institutionally support the Puente Project Program at the college. We request \$20,000 to support program activities for the academic year.

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PARTS 3, 4 and 5 – TECHNOLOGY, FACILITIES AND OTHER NEEDS

1. One-Time Fund Requests. Through the PRP process the college implements an approach for prioritizing and allocating one-time needs/requests. Prioritization takes place through the appropriate groups, leadership, and the Budget Committee. The executive team and Resource Allocation Committee consider various sources for funding PRP requests. Resource requests also inform the larger planning process like Scheduled Maintenance Plans, Staffing Plans, and institutional strategic planning.

For more information about funding sources available, see [IELM BLOCK GRANT, LOTTERY, PERKINS AND STRONG WORKFORCE GUIDELINES](#) (on the left menu of the webpage).

If you are a CTE program and think you may qualify for CTE funds for your PRP request(s), you are STRONGLY encouraged to answer the call for Perkins/Strong Workforce grant applications in February. Contact the Dean of CTEE for additional information.

Consider submitting one-time requests only if you have verified that you cannot fund the request using your general discretionary funds or other funds.

1. Technology and Facilities Review. Requests for technology and facilities are assessed by the Deans and then, if appropriate forwarded to the proper institutional group (e.g., technology review committee, or facilities) for review and feedback.

PART 3: TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Will you be requesting any technology (hardware/software) this upcoming year?

Yes

Technology Request

Technology Request 1

What are you requesting?

We are requesting 5 laptops at \$1200 per item

Is this a request to replace technology or is it a request for new technology?

New Technology

Provide a detailed description of the request. Include in your response:

a. Description of the need? (e.g., SLO/SAO Assessment, PRP data analysis)

We are requesting five laptops for students who may experience problems with their computer software at home during the fall and spring semesters. This fits Goal 1 to increase the number of applicants to the program. By acquiring laptops, we will guarantee we retain students who suffer from economic inequities at Palomar College.

b. Who will be impacted by its implementation? (e.g., individual, groups, members of department)

Puente students including current cohort and Phase 3 students.

c. What are the expected outcomes or impacts of implementation?

Students would have access to technology needed to be successful in their courses.

d. Timeline of implementation

Once approved for technological support, the laptops will immediately be made available to students

What is the anticipated cost for this request? If any, list ongoing costs for the technology (licences, support, maintenance, etc.).

\$6000

Do you already have a budget for this request?

Yes

What PRP plan goal/objective does this request align with?

Cohort enrollment persistence rate will be at 70% from Fall to Spring semesters

What Vision Plan 2035 Goal/Objective does this request align with?

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If you have multiple requests for technology and had to prioritize, what number would give this? (1 = Highest)

What impacts will this request have on the facilities/institution (e.g., water/electrical/ADA compliance, changes to a facility)?

Will you accept partial funding?

Yes

PART 4: FACILITIES REQUESTS

Do you have resource needs that require physical space or modification to physical space?

No

PART 5: OTHER ONE-TIME NEEDS

For more information about funding sources available, see [IELM BLOCK GRANT, LOTTERY, PERKINS AND STRONG WORKFORCE GUIDELINES](#) (on the left menu of the web page under "Instructional Funding Sources").

Do you have one-time requests for other items (e.g., Non-Technology Equipment, Supplies, Operating Expenses, Travel) that your budget or other funding sources will NOT cover?

No

I confirm that the Program Review is complete and ready to be submitted.

Yes

Enter your email address to receive a copy of the PRP to keep for your records.

dmcintosh@palomar.edu

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FEEDBACK AND FOLLOW-UP

Once your Program/Unit PRP is completed, your division or planning council should review and discuss based on your Vice President's planning process. This area is intended for summary feedback and recommendations from the divisional review.

Confirmation of Review by Immediate Supervisor.

Immediate supervisor who reviewed PRP:

Leslie Salas

Sign Date

9/19/2024

FEEDBACK

Strengths and successes of the program/unit as evidenced by the data, analysis, and assessments:

Under Daniela's leadership the program is growing and gaining more students that are joining

Areas of Concern, if any:

Recommendations for improvement:

Vice President (or President) Review

Strengths and successes of the discipline as evidenced by the data and analysis:

Puente has done a great job of engaging and retaining program participants. With a new 100% counselor/coordinator, there is opportunity for growth. The program also has a new space, which will help. Program staff are very creative in developing program activities and meeting the objectives of the Puente Project.

Areas of concern, if any:

Recommendations for improvement:

VP Name:

Nick Mata

Signature Date:

9/1/2024