

## Minutes for Thursday August 3, 2023 Rising Scholars Team Meeting

Present: Bree; Camilo; Christie; Christy; Cynthia; Darrell; Jesse; Joseph; Vanessa

1. Fall Approach, Schedules, and Opportunities
  - a. Academic and peer support (individual and group study)
  - b. Building Hours and Reception
    - i. Building hours to be determined and announced next week
    - ii. Peer mentors will cover reception station until the permanent, full-time student support specialist is onboarded (in-process)
  - c. Special projects, including events – to be led and organized by peer mentors
  - d. Peer mentor schedule overlap:
    - i. There will be times when there is more than one peer mentor in the building
    - ii. Peer mentors will work with each other to determine student support/reception duties, and let Camilo or me know if you need support figuring out roles
    - iii. The goal will be to have the most appropriate peer mentor handle various needs (for example, if a student comes in who needs support with statistics, the peer mentor most comfortable with the topic will be the appropriate fit)
  - e. Weekly team meeting schedule:
    - i. Thursdays 4-5:00
    - ii. Same Zoom link each week: <https://palomar-edu.zoom.us/j/81029906846>
  - f. Sharing RS team meeting notes
    - i. Christie will post meeting notes on the Rising Scholars website for public access
  - g. Friday check-ins: Hybrid (in-person in the Rise center and on Zoom), 10-noon
    - i. Recurring Zoom link: <https://palomar-edu.zoom.us/j/93351057338>
    - ii. Peer mentors will rotate facilitation roles, one in-person and one on Zoom
      1. August: Cynthia for in-person; Jesse will do the Zoom check in tomorrow (8/4)
      2. In-person facilitator will sit at the reception stand
      3. Kirk will serve as ongoing Zoom facilitator once he's able
    - iii. Content:
      1. Ground rules:
        - a. No cross talking; please mute yourself; be considerate of time and the number of people in the room; we can come back to issues after everyone's checked in; Christy to draft ground rules and send to the RS team for editing/review
        - b. Copy and paste the ground rules and put them in the chat
      2. Program/event announcements
      3. Facilitator goes around the room and asks each person to introduce themselves and ask for each person's highs and lows
    - iv. Audience: We should invite/include Palomar; MiraCosta; and CSUSM
  - h. Fall orientations (Cynthia and Daysy)
    - i. Cynthia and Daysy are working on orientations and will report back to the team next Thursday
  - i. Timesheet process – turn in sheets to Camilo

- j. Palomar email: Please use!
- 2. Events committee:
  - a. Darrell; Cynthia; Vanessa – THE TRIFECTA
  - b. Nora to talk to CTEE about hiring more LAEP interns
- 3. Second Chance Month
  - a. Conference at Palomar?
  - b. Formerly Incarcerated Prom/gala
- 4. Voting party with Initiate Justice Action
- 5. PACT meetings
- 6. Group Fieldtrips (open to all students)
  - a. USD: Friday Oct. 20
  - b. UCI: Needs peer mentor to organize and to determine date
  - c. UCSD ropes challenge course? (\$80 per person) - NO TO THIS
- 7. Workshop ideas
  - a. Sue and John Walsh – retired social worker and psychology who want to do a couples/relationships workshop - Cynthia likes this idea
  - b. Cynthia and Kellie Dee: Parenting workshops for the system-affected; involve Barbara Hammons?
  - c. Will Rivera – Cal Coast financial literacy
- 8. Events (Peer mentors and application-based selections)
  - a. DA+PD *Almost Home* screening
  - b. Las Colinas – Aug. 31
  - c. Pleasant Valley Prison: Sept. 13
  - d. RP Group Conference
    - i. San Francisco, Oct
    - ii. Vanessa; Leo; Cynthia; Darrell – co-presenters with Nora and Martin
- 9. Next Steps:
  - a. Event committee meeting
  - b. Orientation
  - c. Nora to contact CTEE about internships (LAEP)
  - d. Nora to cancel with UCSD ropes course