



Pathway to Law

January 19, 2015

To the Law Advisory:

Below please find a status report of significant accomplishments to date as well as work in progress for the Mission College Pathway to Law program. Thank you for all your help, support and encouragement as we get the program underway. As you will see, we have accomplished a lot, but have plenty to do before the end of the school year.

Accomplishments to date:

1. The Law Club has been formally established. It currently has 15 members and meets twice monthly.
2. The Pathway Resource Center has been established in LRC 217. This is the venue for meetings with potential Pathway students and students who are already in the law school application process. Mentoring is provided for those in the application process to discuss and review personal statements, other application materials, etc. To date, formal meetings have been held with 7 students.
3. An introductory meeting of the Law Advisory was held on November 21, 2014. It was chaired by David Jordan, professor and faculty champion of the Pathway program. David provided the welcome, introductions, and overview of the Pathway initiative.

Membership of the Advisory is as follows:

David Jordan, Director of Paralegal program, Law Faculty, Mission College – Pathway Champion

Paul Seraydarian, State Bar representative
Rosie Soto, San Fernando Valley Bar Association
Seymour Amster, Esq. - Law Academies advisor
Emilio Rivas, SFHS Law Academy
Christian Oronsaye. Missin Paralegal Student
Alberto Gudino, Law Faculty, Mission College
Michael Griggs, Law Club President, Mission College
Ray Gosen, Law Club, ASO President, Mission College
Gabriela Miranda, Law Club, Mission College
Margie Long, Speech faculty, Mission College
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Louise Barbato, Dept. Chair English, Mission College
Carolyn Daly, English Faculty, Mission College
Darlene Montes, Dean, Mission College
Cathy Brinkman, CTE Dean, Mission College
Pat Flood, Business and Law Department Chair, Mission College
Aleida Gomez, counseling, Mission College
John Arason, professional paralegal
Som Chounlamountry, Government Faculty, Mission College - internships,
Carlos Gonzalez, Asst. Dean - Mission College – resources
Tashini Walker, college transfer, Mission College

4. A formal application process has been established for students who are interested in becoming COAF scholars through the Pathway initiative. Applications are to be submitted, with a statement of interest, to Professor Jordan.

5. A flyer describing the Pathway program has been printed and will be distributed at Welcome Back Day in February to students who are interested in the program. This flyer will also be provided to other professors who will distribute it in their classrooms.

6. Two classes have been scheduled at San Fernando High School for spring semester 2015: Administration of Justice and Law. The Law Club will be meeting students at the high school on Jan 21.

7. Contact has been made with USC Law representatives for the Pathway program.

Work in progress, with goal to accomplish by end of school year:

1. Discussion with USC Law continues. Planning for Law Club to spend a day shadowing law students at USC Law in February. Reach out to USC undergrad focal for Pathway program in process.
2. Reach out has been made to Loyola Law, with Pathway focals identified. Meeting planned for late January.
3. Reach outs continue to various law clinics and the San Fernando Valley Bar Association for internship opportunities.
4. Law Club has been invited to attend Law School Fair, hosted by USC Law, on Jan 31.
5. Meeting to be scheduled with Monroe High School to start a law academy and teach an Introduction to Law class.
6. Kick off tutoring at the Pathway Resource Center. Looking to start in February.
7. Law Club will host Fulbright scholar (lawyer from Argentina) to speak at a meeting in March.
8. The CTE program has received state funding and has agreed to fund a Law Program Review for a student worker, part-time.
9. We will plan to hold our next Law Advisory meeting in March 2015.

Thanks everyone for your work and efforts,

David Jordan and Paul Seraydarian