Laney College 2023 - 2025 Equity Plan Progress

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CCCCO Metrics for Student Success
Access: Applied and Enrolled in the same
Academic Year

DI Population

Current Structure

Ideal Structure

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Black or African American	The current onboarding process involves multiple steps, including CCCApply, a waiting period for the assignment of student ID numbers, and pre-enrollment verification, creating potential delays for students. Limited staffing, particularly in crucial areas like the welcome center, may contribute to prolonged onboarding processes, impacting the efficiency of welcoming and assisting new students.	Streamline and simplify the application and enrollment process, reducing the excessive number of steps required for students to join the college seamlessly. Partner with College Researcher to create targeted outreach dashboards, specifically designed to engage with Black/African American students applying to the college. Strengthen the Umoja-Ubaka Program by recruiting full-time staff dedicated to bolstering orientation, outreach, and community building initiatives tailored to the needs of Black/African American students.	Foster collaboration with key campus stakeholders, including A&R, the welcome center, financial aid, learning communities, and campus life, to collectively design and implement an inclusive new student orientation. Collaborate with the institutional researcher to create data dashboards that will facilitate targeted outreach and support for new African American students, ensuring personalized assistance throughout their college journey. Evaluate the current enrollment steps and provide recommendations for the development of a streamlined application process, aiming for a more accessible and user-friendly experience for students. Leverage Guided Pathways to expand the Student, Onboarding, Assistance, and Retention (SOAR) program, enhancing Student Success Teams to include an academic counselor, a financial aid specialist, an Admissions and Records Department specialist, an a daucess coach.			
Foster Youth	Absence of a dedicated orientation or onboarding program tailored specifically for foster youth, leading to potential gaps in their transition to college life. Insufficient full-time staff dedicated to providing specialized support for foster youth, limiting the availability of consistent guidance and assistance. Deficiency in a streamlined enrollment process for foster youth, creating barriers to their efficient and seamless integration into the college system.	Employ dedicated full-time staff exclusively focused on providing comprehensive support for foster youth, ensuring consistent guidance and assistance. Allocate designated campus space specifically for foster youth, creating a supportive environment that addresses their unique needs and challenges. Establish a specialized orientation and onboarding process specifically tailored to the experiences and requirements of foster youth, facilitating a smoother transition into college life.	Create a informative "one-pager" outlining the onboarding process tailored to the needs			

Action Steps

Hispanic or Latino	Insufficient Spanish-speaking staff in critical campus departments (A&R, Financial Aid, Counseling) hindering effective support for LatinX students during onboarding. Absence of a dedicated physical space staffed with full-time personnel to support Laney's Puente Program, limiting its potential impact and outreach. Deficiency in full-time Puente English faculty, posing challenges to the growth and long-term viability of the program for LatinX students. Inadequate systems for continuous data collection on LatinX students, hindering the College's ability to apply for Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) designation and tailor support services effectively.	Recruit a dedicated full-time LatinX English Instructor specializing in LatinX Literature to strengthen the Puente program and enrich the academic experience for LatinX students. Appoint campus liaisons proficient in Spanish to facilitate seamless transitions for LatinX students from high schools, adult schools, and off- campus programs, ensuring effective communication and support. Develop cultural programming and curriculum that celebrates and reflects the diverse backgrounds within the LatinX community, including Chicanx, Mexican, Central American, South American, Afro-LatinX, and Indigenous perspectives. Expand mental health services to provide comprehensive support for LatinX students and their families, recognizing and addressing their unique mental health needs.	Foster ongoing collaboration with the campus LatinX Network to actively champion the needs of LatinX students. Advocate for the College to seek Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) designation to enhance resources and support for LatinX students. Establish a summer Bridge Program in partnership with Puente to facilitate a smooth transition for LatinX students entering the College. Create a dedicated "new student" dashboard tailored for LatinX students applying to the College. This platform will address and troubleshoot issues, facilitate connections to relevant resources, and establish a robust network of support and referrals for their academic journey.				
DI Population Black or African American	Current Structure Absence of an early alert system, hindering faculty from submitting academic interventions to notify counselors about students experiencing challenges in their courses. Insufficient gateway courses	curriculum alignment, ensuring students are well-prepared for college courses. Expand the provision of embedded tutoring and support services for	Action Steps Initiate collaborative efforts with high school partners to develop and strengthen community relationships, focusing on curriculum alignment to better prepare students for college courses. Increase resources for embedded tutoring and support services, specifically targeting	YR1 Updates	YR2 Updates	YR3 Updates	
	designed to adequately prepare	transfer-level courses, facilitating a	transfer-level courses, to create a robust				

pedagogy and strategies for effective

engagement with underserved communities.

students for the demands of more comprehensive academic support academic support system that enhances

Limited diversity in transfer-level Establish professional development Implement professional development courses, potentially impacting opportunities for faculty focused on initiatives for faculty, emphasizing cultural

engagement with underserved

Demonstrate a commitment to diversity by actively recruiting, hiring, and retaining faculty members who reflect the diverse identities and backgrounds of our student body.

college-level transfer courses. system.

the curriculum and engage

effectively.

students' ability to connect with cultural pedagogy and effective

communities.

Completion: Transfer-Level Math & English

Foster	

Insufficient availability of embedded tutors within the current support system.

Predominantly virtual delivery of tutoring services, potentially impacting accessibility and engagement.

Under AB 705, students have the option to self-place in courses. in college-level courses without adequate preparation.

Establish Math and English Summer Jam Programs to provide intensive

Implement comprehensive cultural

Increase the availability of in-person additional support services to create a level courses. more inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Foster cross-campus collaboration between Student Services and Instruction to enhance support and enrichment for students in the summer bridge program, ensuring a more comprehensive and impactful experience.

Coordinate campus tutoring services and competency training programs for both actively recruit additional student tutors to faculty and staff to enhance awareness increase on-campus support availability.

Establish an early intervention program designed to provide targeted support for potentially leading to enrollment Math and English courses, coupled with students not meeting milestones in transfer-

> Utilize Guided Pathways to further extend the Student, Onboarding, Assistance, and Retention (SOAR) program. This involves expanding Student Success Teams to include an academic counselor, a financial aid specialist, an Admissions and Records Department specialist, and additional support personnel.

Persistence: First Primary Term to Secondary

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DI Population Black/ African American

Current Structure

and resources, impacting their basic needs. success.

website and the lack of visible resources pose challenges for students in identifying and accessing available support.

for students in visualizing and connecting with successful role models.

Ideal Structure

Non-Umoja African American (AA) Establish a centralized one-stop hub the absence of additional support comprehensively support students'

> Introduce specialized orientations for thorough overview of campus and

tours, conferences, and seminars specifically designed for African American students.

Within the Umoja framework, institute Implement targeted outreach initiatives to a mentorship program connecting students to foster guidance and

Foster collaboration between Student Leverage Guided Pathways to further expand

Action Steps

Enhance the visibility of Umoja across campus students face challenges due to that consolidates essential resources to by creating and distributing outreach materials internally and externally.

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Utilize various communication modalities, including engagement through the Black Difficulty in navigating the college African American students to provide a Student Union (BSU), texting, emailing, and postal services, to connect and engage community resources tailored to their African American students on campus.

Collaborate with Umoja to organize Expand student experiences beyond the spring/summer orientations for new African Underrepresentation of Black/AA classroom by organizing opportunities American students. Partnering with the BSU, faculty and staff creates obstacles such as study abroad programs, HBCU continue hosting student life events tailored for African American students, such as HBCU week, Black History Month, Kwanzaa celebrations, etc.

> encourage current African American students transfer and former students with new to schedule meetings with their counselors. review their Student Educational Plan (SEP), and enroll for the upcoming semester

Life and the Black Student Union to the Success, Opportunity, Achievement, and organize events and programs uniquely Retention (SOAR) program. This includes

Foster Youth	Insufficient dedicated staff specifically assigned to support foster youth, resulting in a gap in tailored assistance. A need for an early alert system to facilitate regular check-ins and effective follow-up, ensuring proactive support for foster youth. Challenges related to documentation, including social security, identification, and birth certificates, creating hurdles for foster youth in accessing necessary services. Recognition of the impact of childhood trauma, highlighting the need for increased mental health services to provide comprehensive support for foster youth.		Advocate for the hiring of full-time staff dedicated to supporting foster youth through the Program Review process. Collaborate with Mental Health Services to organize targeted workshops specifically tailored for foster youth, addressing their unique mental health needs. Conduct outreach initiatives directed at foster youth to raise awareness about the range of services available on campus. Collaborate with Admissions and Records to designate a "point person" familiar with the needs of foster youth, ensuring personalized support and assistance. Leverage Guided Pathways to further expand the Success, Opportunity, Achievement, and Retention (SOAR) program. This includes developing Student Success Teams comprising an academic counselor, a financial aid specialist, an Admissions and Records Department specialist, and a success coach to provide comprehensive support for foster youth.			
DI Population Hispanic or Latino	Current Structure Life challenges and familial responsibilities hinder students from pursuing and continuing their education. The College lacks a consistent full-time Puente English instructor, leading to variations in course instructors each semester. Additionally, there is a notable absence of Latinx staff and faculty representation, and insufficient social support networks for LatinX students. While the Puente Program offers support for a limited number of students, there is a need for dedicated full-time staff to enhance the program's visibility across the campus. The lack of representation in critical areas such as A&R, Financial Aid, and the Welcome Center has a significant impact on the success of students.	Ideal Structure Employ a full-time Puente English instructor and staff in crucial campus areas to enhance onboarding and retention support. Establish a fully staffed resource center specifically for LatinX students. Prioritize diversity in hiring practices and committees to ensure inclusivity and representation. Develop an equitable curriculum to promote fair and unbiased educational experiences.	Action Steps Produce early intervention marketing materials to reach out to students during critical points in the semester (priority registration, FAFSA deadlines, add/drop). Organize an open house event to allow students to invite their families and acquaint them with the college environment. Partner with Student Life to arrange cultural events aimed at student engagement (such as Dia de los Muertos, Soccer Club events, and Heritage Month celebrations).	YR1 Updates	YR2 Updates	YR3 Updates

Transferred: Four-Year Institution

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Ongoing challenges with CCC Apply create barriers to student success, particularly concerning requirements or become eligible for verification and documentation

requirements.

Leverage Canvas to create a dedicated Program Review to secure funding for hiring platform tailored for Foster Youth support and connect with Foster students, enhancing their access to

Implement an Auto Award system to

notify students when they meet

for Foster Youth to enhance their academic experience and support network. Advocate for additional resources through full-time staff dedicated to supporting Foster

Establish a Learning Community exclusively

Insufficient staff to adequately Youth, impacting their experience resources and support. and success.

Youth. Collaborate with the Counseling Department Revise the Transfer Center to adapt to and Transfer Center to expand opportunities for Transfer Days, facilitating a smoother

No clear understanding of to improve accessibility and

post-COVID needs, incorporating a programs like B2B, CalWORKs, and hybrid approach with in-person and support systems for Foster Youth virtual workshops to cater to diverse student preferences.

and prepared for the next steps in their

academic journey.

Provide specialized training for staff to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the Increase awareness about the transfer unique transfer requirements for Foster

transition for Foster Youth.

Lack of established dedicated staff process through strategic initiatives, roles to enhance outreach efforts ensuring students are well-informed and foster meaningful connections with students.

Lack of awareness about transferable credits and implementation of an autodegree awarding system for a smoother academic experience.

Completion

DI Population Foster Youth

Current Structure Students may lack awareness of their progress towards a certificate or degree unless they regularly meet with a counselor to review and update their

Educational Plan.

youth students.

There is a deficiency in

person, adequate staffing,

specifically tailored for foster

Ideal Structure Establish a dedicated space on campus Appoint a dedicated counselor to act as a their presence and awareness.

Employ dedicated staff who are well- Collaborate across campus to advocate for effective troubleshooting.

coordinated services, including the absence of a designated point Hire a faculty counselor specializing in Utilize Guided Pathways to further enhance goals.

Action Steps

Youth.

exclusively for foster youth, enhancing liaison for foster youth, facilitating targeted support and guidance.

versed in foster youth challenges and the allocation of a physical space dedicated to can provide targeted support, including serving as a resource and community hub for foster youth.

foster youth support to guide and assist the Student, Assistance, Onboarding and counselors, and dedicated space them in achieving their educational Retention (SOAR) program. This includes expanding Student Success Teams to encompass an academic counselor, a financial aid specialist, an Admissions and Records Department specialist, and a success coach, providing comprehensive support for foster youth.

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