

## Orientation Committee Meeting #1- October 21, 2020, 10:00am to 10:35am

Participants- Dr. Audrey Taylor, Aryel Ramirez, Lucio Garcia-Zuazua, and Juan Tamez

(Dr. Wesley Wynne not present)

### Notes:

Juan Tamez explained how he coordinates New Student Orientation for the SRSU RGC campuses. He explained that the upcoming Spring 2021 orientation will be held online and that the orientation video being presented today was created by Vincent Parras, SRSU Alpine campus. Today's meeting was set to discuss suggestions or ideas from committee members.

#### • **Lucio**

- Updating ID card section- removing Kathy Biddick from the RGC Uvalde campus
- Faculty members presenting and explaining information about their departments and programs was nice
- Changes about drop information due to Fall 2020 drop list/purge
- Quizzes and games; how does it work for the older students?
- Emphasize business department information and include Delia Ramirez to review orientation information presented about repayment plans, fees, etc.
- Include or add the FAFSA website: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- Add more scenery of the RGC campuses to the orientation slides
- Menu selection of students major/program would be best at the beginning of orientation

#### • **Dr. Taylor**

- Was not able to get past the games/quizzes sections (technical "bugs" or issues)
- Suggested that it would be nice to forward relevant sections to students based on their choice major (maybe clicking on a relevant department rather than having to listen to all department videos/presentations)
- Adding faculty contact information for students (phone, email)
- Student ID cards should reference Southwest Texas Junior College (not "junior college")
  - Adding a photo graphic of what a student ID should look like so that students are able to reference photo requirements
- Adding some sort of a reminder slide when "don't be afraid to ask questions" is presented (be specific as to who and add contact information)
- Give good examples of what student A#, username, ID, etc. is used for so that students are able to properly clarify which one is which
- Maybe a more regular background, in time
- Suggestion for Team Goals
  - Make sure that orientation video is up and running for the RGC campuses (ready to go and glitch free)
  - Add any updates or suggestions made/necessary for orientation

- **Aryel**
  - Unable to move past the Student ID section of the orientation (multiple refreshing of pages in browsers)
    - Updating ID card section- removing Kathy Biddick from the RGC Uvalde campus
  - In agreement with Lucio- faculty members presenting and explaining information about their departments and programs was much better than previous orientations
  - In agreement with Dr. Taylor's of idea of a "menu selection" for students and their choice of major/program (would be best at the beginning of orientation)
  - Communication
    - Suggested that orientation be provided to faculty and staff (as a whole, via email) so that everyone is aware of virtual orientation, dates, and where to find or access information should a student inquire about it
    - Allows for anyone to provide students with orientation information
  - Note taker for today's committee meeting

Juan explained that RGC changes to the Alpine outline were minimal (junior college, students IDs, etc.); he stated that he can make a request for changes to be made based on committee suggestions, He will also inquire about a "department menu" for students to select their choice program and adding of RGC faculty information. Juan was also able to touch base about the games/quizzes after every completed section and explained that students can skip them if they choose to do so. It was also mentioned that orientation does not have to be the Saturday before classes begin; rather it could take place as soon as the presentation is ready. Welcome Back packets/goodie bags for RGC students came from the Alpine campus and a drive-by pickup was scheduled so that students could grab and go once virtual orientation had been completed (this will likely be the same for the upcoming Spring 2021 virtual orientation).

Next committee meeting will be scheduled upon Juan's return; November 2020.

**Orientation Committee Meeting was ended at 10:35am.**