

**FW: Meeting to plan new grant: Friday, 2/5, 10:45, SF 102**

Cathy Durham

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 3:02 PM**To:** Elizabeth Kronbeck

Email message # 2, sent to those who had attended the first meeting:

**From:** Cathy Durham**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 6:44 PM

**To:** Fatema Baldiwala; Ramona Barrio-Sotillo; Roger Bowerman; Robyn Fishman; Lourdes Guerrero; Edward Karpp; Constance Lantz; Asmik Oganessian; Ricardo Perez; Heather Glenn; Rachel Ridgway; Shelley Thai; Valerie Rhaney; Michael Davis; Jason Dorff; 'Theresa Lorch'; Robert Hill; Irina Shumakova; Michael Ritterbrown; Hasmik Sarkissian; Nalini Lasiewicz; Christopher Kerr; Mark Maier

**Cc:** 'wrđ@westernresearch.net'; Yeranui Barsegyan; Leticia Estrada**Subject:** Meeting to plan new grant: Friday, 2/5, 10:45, SF 102

Colleagues:

Thank you for joining our first meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. I hope you will participate this coming Friday as well (February 5, 10:45-12:15, SF 102).

Here's a quick recap: In May 2016, the college will apply for a five-year, (approximately) \$4.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Specifically, the grant will be a "Title III (of the Higher Education Act of 1965) HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institution) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)" grant. These grants are for "institutional development," which means their purpose is to improve the institutions where the majority of our country's Latino and low-income students attend college, in order to serve these groups of America's students more effectively.

Our time this Friday will be all too brief, so please arrive on time and ready to get to work. With *Redesigning America's Community Colleges* as the foundation for the conversation, Yeranui will initially take the lead, eliciting input from the group about what GCC's proposed project might look like on the ground: what we as an institution would want--and be willing--to accomplish. Then, during the last 15-20 minutes of the meeting, our grant consultant Melanie Tang will offer her own comments and suggestions regarding the college's next steps.

Below, Yeranui has briefly summarized the ideas suggested at our last meeting. Please review the list and, if you would like, feel free to "reply all" to add new ideas to the list before Friday's meeting.

Ideas generated from our January 22nd Title III STEM Grant Planning meeting

- Meta-majors
  - Create meta-majors at GCC that engage students in learning about possible career options
  - At the basic skills level, implemented when students first enter GCC
- Career Exploration
  - Engage students in career exploration during their first year as college students
- Embrace Identity/ Self-Exploration
  - Embed mechanisms for confidence building within our underrepresented students
  - Discuss students self-perception and identify
- Transfer Culture
  - Educate students on transfer options and empower them to think about transfer possibilities

- Undergraduate Research Earlier
  - Provide students in the beginning levels of science courses to explore through hands-on activities and assignments that will engage them and get them excited about research in the sciences
  - Have students in the undergraduate research programs make presentations in high schools to get students interested in thinking about the sciences
- Milestones/ Exit Points
  - Identify key milestones in the “Guided Pathways” in order to allow students to see their progress and feel a sense of reward as they compete each milestone and move through toward completion
- Department/ Division Advisors
  - Incorporate division advisors
- Instructional Designer
  - Hire an instructional designer to help faculty with course development and support them in trying new techniques
  - Encourage faculty to become facilitators vs. transmitters of information
- First Year Seminar
  - Include a first year seminar experience for freshmen students
- Contextualization
  - Expand on contextualizing courses to get students to explore their fields of interests

Thanks again for your participation. I look forward to seeing you this Friday, 2/5, at 10:45, in SF 102.  
-Cathy

**FW: Thurs., 3/3, 3:30-5:00, SF 101: Meeting to plan grant proposal**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 3:05 PM

**To:** Elizabeth Kronbeck

This is the final email, sent to a small group of individuals who volunteered to continue the conversation about the new grant proposal:

**From:** Cathy Durham

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2016 12:29 PM

**To:** Ramona Barrio-Sotillo; Christopher Kerr; Michael Davis; Asmik Oganessian; Roger Bowerman

**Cc:** Michael Ritterbrown; Ricardo Perez; Leticia Estrada; Yeranui Barsegyan; 'wrd@westernresearch.net'

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Hi, everyone. Let's meet with Melanie Tang this Thursday, 3/3, 3:30-5:00, in SF 101 (Faculty Innovation Center). See you then. -Cathy

P.S. Asmik can't make this meeting, but we'll keep her informed about our progress.

**From:** Cathy Durham

**Sent:** Monday, February 29, 2016 12:43 PM

**To:** Ramona Barrio-Sotillo; Christopher Kerr; Michael Davis; Asmik Oganessian; Roger Bowerman

**Cc:** Michael Ritterbrown; Ricardo Perez; Leticia Estrada; Yeranui Barsegyan

**Subject:** Meeting to plan HSI STEM grant proposal

**Importance:** High

Ramona, Mike, Asmik, Reid, and Roger:

Thank you for your interest in developing GCC's new HSI STEM grant proposal.

I've just learned of Melanie Tang's availability while she's in L.A. this week and next. Please let me know today which of the following times you're available, and we'll schedule a meeting with Dr. Tang at the time most of us can meet.

Thursday, March 3, 3:30-5:00

Friday, March 4, 2:30-4:00

Tuesday, March 8, 3:30-5:00

Thanks!

-Cathy