

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting
May 3, 2013, 7:30 – 8:35 AM BHS room C213
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Who	Role	E-mail address
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Heather Loucks	AC parent	

College Case Studies

Heather Loucks reported that there could have been more participation by AC students. Could the Junior English teachers talk it up next year? **Action:** Bring this topic up again next year.

AC AP Coordinator Position

AC has secured .4 FTE of funding for this position and is requesting .2 FTE from ACAC.

Question: Does the IB Coordinator have duties other than those related to the IP tests?

Answer: The IB Coordinator does professional development, manages the IB website, and works with the IB lead teachers, in addition to IB test duties. He is funded .5 by BHS and .5 by other funds. The AC AP Coordinator could do some of these things as well, but at a .6 FTE level.

Question: Why call this AC AP Coordinator rather than AC Coordinator?

Answer: To show the focus of the duties.

Question: Would the coordinator try to bring math and science more into being an integral part of AC?

Answer: The math and science departments have a different vision of AP tests. Math and science AP classes do require quite a bit more out of class work than their non AP classes.

Question: How will success be measured?

Answer: By enrollment and scores.

Question: Will the AP Coordinator become well known to students?

Answer: Perhaps via targeted emails to classes. We will monitor this, and hope the "go to the coordinator" feeling will grow over time.

Question: How to deal with AP gov being taught first semester, but the test is at the end of the second semester?

Answer: Will conduct review sessions and provide online resources like practice tests.

Tim Zolezzi reminded everyone that this AC AP program will allow us to execute goals that AC has had for years.

ACAC voted unanimously to contribute .2 FTE for this position.

Request for Funds for UC Santa Cruz Trip

Jessie Luxford and Jasdeep Malhi requested \$500 from ACAC to take two groups of 30 AC freshmen from Jessie's support program and sophomores from Jasdeep's OCI (On Campus Intervention) program to visit UC Sanata Cruz. This was approved unanimously, unless they can get the money from the development group.

Future Funding of Positions ACAC Helps Pay.

How to ensure enough ACAC funds to continue supporting positions like the AC Support Coordinator and the AC AP Coordinator? Contributions have been going down for the past 3 years. **Action:** Discuss fundraising next year.

Next ACAC Meeting

Friday May 31, 2013, 7:30 – 8:35 a.m. in BHS room C213.