Accreditation Recommendation #3

Focus Group – ASO

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1. How can Los Angeles Southwest College create a class schedule that will allow you to meet your academic goals?
   - Important transfer courses are offered at the same time, offer classes throughout the day to avoid scheduling conflicts. More flexibility with hours
   - Earlier classes (times)
   - Offer classes on Fridays
   - Find better ways of informing students which classes are still open. Use digital boards on campus
   - Saturday tutoring
   - Inform students in advance if a class will be closed and provide some alternative for students who are displaced
   - Weekend classes w/o ITV
   - Weekend staff available to help

2. How can Los Angeles Southwest College deliver tutoring services to meet your educational needs?
   - More evening tutoring and weekend tutoring
   - Library tutors
   - Online tutoring
   - Longer hours in SSEC
   - Better student-tutoring ratio for tutoring
   - Offer tutors for all subjects, not just math and English. It is hard to find tutors in subjects like AJ, sciences.
   - Offer tutoring in the SSB or ASO Office

3. What can Los Angeles Southwest College do to make the library services responsive to your academic needs?
   - The temporary library is too small to meet the needs of the college
   - Library is too loud, enforce quiet hours
   - Train library staff to be more helpful with students and not afraid to tell students to keep quiet.
   - Staff need to enforce library policies regarding noise and food
• Kick out loud students
• More group study rooms
• Greater variety of resources and books on-line

4. **What types of cultural events and workshops would you like to see on campus?**
• More awareness of ASO on campus
• Leadership training
• Training on how students can advocate for the college
• More billboards on campus to post flyers
• Use email and text message blast to inform students of campus events. Strong emphasis on not over using text messages and email
• Diversity workshops – not just selling ethnic food.
• More involvement by faculty and staff in ASO activities

5. **What types of student organizations and clubs are needed on campus to increase student involvement?**
• Newspaper- Journalism Club
• A music club to expose talented students
• Sports, we want more access to campus facilities like the track and basketball court
• Academic clubs/ major based
• Religious organizations
• Provide a credit ASO class to increase training for ASO student leaders

6. **How can Los Angeles Southwest College best inform you of upcoming events, workshops, and student club activities?**
• First week of school activities, welcome event
• Summer orientation for FYE was very good introduction to college
• Allow ASO to use copy machine that produces large flyers (don’t charge ASO for these flyers or reduced fee)
• Texts (limit 1 per week)
• Flyers on campus don’t always work. Need to use the monitors on campus. ASO needs access to its own monitor to post ASO activities
• Facebook
• Twitter
• Email (don’t always check email)
• Announcements on local radio and newspapers
• Work with local community
• App for phone