

Executive Summary

Q: A brief recap or highlights of the entire program review document. (500 words or less)

- Highlight major strengths and weakness.
- Highlight areas for improvement over the next 3-6 years.

Response:

The International Student Program consists of 2 staff members both new to the program since 2012. For the past 3 years, the staff have been maintaining the consistent number of students in the program (about 70) while observing, evaluating the previous practices and strategies and implementing new strategies to improve the quality and effectiveness of services. The challenges of the program are that the staff never had the opportunity to participate in training and professional development activities to learn and implements best practices and strategies, rather the learning process has been a "trial and error" process. For this purpose the program is requesting funds for conference and training attendance in the future.

The goal of the program is to increase the number of international students in the program. According to the data provided by the Office and Research, the international students more likely to attend full-time, maintain higher grades and accomplish their education goals (increase success and retention) compare to the other LAVC students. Increasing the number of international students will contribute to the overall goal of LAVC student success and retention data.

The program requests purchasing new equipment (Viaton scanner and a copier) for the proper document collection and record maintenance for international students. The program also will more closely monitor students' enrollment in full time course load to endure that the students are complying with the F-1 Visa requirements and successfully completing those courses to increase retention and goal completion.

For this academic year, the program is working on providing flexibility to application process by determining eligibility and acceptance within one week of application submission. In addition, transfer students will be provided an opportunity to complete the International Student Orientation and meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and register for classes earlier than new, out of the country applicants. This strategy will help ensuring that the international students have full-time course load required to maintain their F-1 status.

Participants

Q: Please indicate the individuals that participated in the completion of this program review.

Response:

Reviewed

Validation & Feedback

Validation Comments for Program

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Comments for Review Committees

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