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Center for the Study of Correctional Education (CSCE)
Committee for Centers and Institutes (CCI) Review – Spring 2024 – AY 2023-24
(Delayed review from AY 2022-23)

Recommendations:

The committee recommends keeping active status for the Center for the Study of Correctional Education (CSCE). It is also recommended that the CSCE explore additional internal funding opportunities. Furthermore, the committee encourages continuous fundraising and grant writing efforts to secure additional funding.

Comments:

6.C.1 – The success of the Ancillary Unit in meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the original approved proposal:

The CSCE is dedicated to advancing the professionalization of California correctional education through a University-based Center for the Study of Correctional Education, which provides: (a) teacher preparation and in-service programs, (b) research facilitation, coordination, and timely reporting on targeted topics, and (c) relevant support services.

Its top three accomplishments — the Inside-Out Pilot Course, Ally Training Workshop Series, and the Prison Education Project — showcase CSCE's dedication to meeting its goals: The CSCE introduced the first course available to both CSUSB students and incarcerated individuals. It also offered a workshop series enabling CSUSB community members to support formerly incarcerated individuals effectively. Furthermore, fifteen student interns developed and delivered a 7-week writing course via Zoom.

Through these activities, CSCE has worked in partnership with Project Rebound, the Prison Education Project, Pitzer College, California Rehabilitation Center, and additional CSUSB and community resources, reaffirming its commitment to enhancing California's correctional education system.

6.C.2 – The effective use of all internal University support:

The five-year report shows that CSCE has leveraged internal university support and resources. However, it has not utilized internal funds in the past three years. It is recommended that CSCE explore additional internal funding opportunities.

6.C.3 – The success of obtaining external support and the use of that support:

The CSCE has established partnerships with Pitzer College and Norco College to create a College Hub at the California Rehabilitation Center. Over the past two years, the CSCE has secured

some external funding. As reported by the CSCE, the committee encourages continuous fundraising and grant writing efforts to secure additional funding.