STATEWIDE HIGHER EDUCATION IN PRISON TRAINING CONFERENCE

AGENDA

Sunday, March 18

11:00am
Registration and Lunch

12:00-1:30pm
Session 1: Welcome and Introduction to the Training
Establishing core values for in-prison higher education programs: excellence, inclusivity, standards and accountability; brief history and background of PUP; site visits preparation; Q&A
Jody Lewen, Executive Director, Prison University Project

1:45-5:30pm
San Quentin College Program site visit, group #1 (Bus departs from hotel at 1:45)

2:15-4:00pm
Session 2: From Prison to College
Panel presentation and group discussion with representatives from Project Rebound (San Francisco State University) and Underground Scholars (University of California, Berkeley)
Dmitriy Orlov, Program Assistant / Office Manager, Prison University Project; Alumnus (Moderator)
Jason Bell, Director, Project Rebound (Panelist)
Danny Murillo, Soros Justice Advocacy Fellow, Renewing Communities Initiative at The Opportunity Institute; Co-founder, Underground Scholars Initiative (Panelist)

4:30-8:15pm
San Quentin College Program site visit, group #2 (Bus departs from hotel at 4:30)

6:30pm
Dinner
Graduates of the College Program at San Quentin will join throughout the evening

8:15pm
Dinner (for evening site visitors)
Monday, March 19

7:00-9:30am
Breakfast

9:30-11:00am
Session 3: Academic and Administrative Planning
Selecting degrees; curriculum development and course planning; understanding students' needs, goals, and potential
Amy Jamgochian, Academic Program Director, Prison University Project

11:30am-1:00pm
Session 4: The Prison Classroom
Training teachers on pedagogy, learning disabilities/differences, and psychological dimensions of learning
Amy Jamgochian, Academic Program Director, Prison University Project

1:00-2:00pm
Lunch

2:00-3:30pm
Session 5: Prison Rules, Regulations & Culture (Faculty and Staff Training and Supervision, Part I)
What teachers and staff need to know about the prison environment
Jody Lewen, Executive Director, Prison University Project

4:00-5:30pm
Session 6: Psychological Dimensions of Teaching in Prison (Faculty and Staff Training and Supervision, Part II)
From rescue fantasies to secondary trauma
Jody Lewen, Executive Director, Prison University Project

6:00pm
Dinner
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Tuesday, March 20

7:00-9:00am
Breakfast
9:00-10:30am
Session 7: College Preparatory Programs  
Allison Lopez, College Preparatory English Program Coordinator, Prison University Project  
Neil Terpkosh, Math Program Coordinator, Prison University Project

11:00am-12:30pm
Session 8: Institutional Logistics and Planning  
Navigating prison rules and procedures related to materials, supplies, equipment, etc.  
Heather Hart, Program Administrator, Prison University Project  
Jesse Rothman, On-Site Program Coordinator, Prison University Project

12:30-1:30pm
Lunch

1:30-2:30pm
Session 9: “Allowable Materials”  
Decoding CDCR policy and practice related to printed materials, film, etc.  
Kirsten Pickering, University of California at Berkeley, Department of Philosophy; Instructor, Prison University Project

3:00-4:30pm
Session 10: California Community College-specific Bureaucratic Challenges & Solutions  
Rebecca Silbert, Director, Renewing Communities Initiative  
Chelsea Esquibias, Program Manager, Inmate Scholars Program, Bakersfield College, Delano Campus

4:45-8:15pm
San Quentin College Program site visit, group #3 (Bus departs from hotel at 4:45pm)

6:30pm
Dinner

8:15pm
Dinner (for evening site visitors)