



Skills4Success Committee Meeting
Thursday October 22nd, 2009
Bonelli Hall 330
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm



Attendees: Edel Alonso (Counseling), Alto Benedicto (Chemistry), Gina Bogna (Community Ed), Jennifer Brezina (English), Leslie Carr (Professional Development), Fred D’Astoli (English), Vincent Devlahovich (Geology), Ron Dreiling (English), John Garcia (English), Collette Gibson (Math), James Glapa-Grossklag (Distance Learning), Audrey Green (Academic Affairs), Angela Grigoryan (Math), Kim Gurnee (English), Lee Hilliard (Computer Networking), Michael Joslin (Student Services), Kevin Kistler (Academic Affairs), Mojdeh Mahn (TLC), Michael McMahan (Humanities), Daylene Meuschke (Institutional Research), Catherine Parker (Research), Denee Pescarmona (English), Mary Petersen (English), Debbie Rio (Student Services), Jasmine Ruys (Admissions & Records), Tracey Sherard (English), Michael Wilding (Student Services)

I. Review and Approve Minutes from September 24th

Revisions were made to the minutes from September 24th. Motion to approve minutes to be posted to the S4S website made by Fred D’Astoli, second Catherine Parker, approved.

II. Sub-Committee Reports

-First Year Experience: Audrey Green updated the group on the First Year Experience sub-committee. Audrey reviewed the flowchart that was handed out showing the responsibilities of each area of the First-Year Experience. Members of the sub-committee have been making visits to departments to pitch the idea of the First Year Experience and to try to get faculty to volunteer and participate. The First Year Experience sub-committee meets on the first and third Thursday’s off each month if anyone is interested in attending.

-Curriculum: English: Tracey Sherard let the group know that the English Department has their second meeting with the Hart District English Chairs this upcoming Tuesday from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Math: Collette Gibson let the group know the Math Curriculum sub-committee has found an on-line course at Santa Monica College that they would like to model. ESL: The ESL Curriculum sub-committee is working on putting together a website that addresses the needs of credit and non-credit ESL students. Reading: John Garcia spoke on behalf of the Reading Curriculum sub-committee. John updated the group on the visit from Gary Bannon of PLATO in which he demonstrated the Accuplacer learning path which can be used to prepare students to take Accuplacer or to offer some remediation if a student doesn’t understand why they placed where they did.

-Non Credit to Credit Transition: This subcommittee has met once and will be meeting again this week. They have begun talking about managed enrollment plans and also discussed what schools they could send surveys too.

-Professional Development: Fred D’Astoli let the group know that the professional development sub-committee is channeling most of their energy into the Skills4Success Symposium that will take place during Spring FLEX week on Friday February 5th. Fred thanked Denee and Audrey for securing Elizabeth Barkley as a keynote as the keynote speaker for the Symposium.

-Research: Daylene Meuschke reported on behalf of the research group. They have started developing a model template to use for data collection are close to being ready to release it. Their next task is to develop a rubric to evaluate projects that are being funded on a scoring system.

-Supplemental Instruction: Mary Petersen let the group know that Supplemental Instruction is focusing on marketing the supplemental instruction program to get the word out that it is available. They have also begun contacting departments on campus to see how things are going with supplemental instruction. They also plan on focusing on the 20 courses with the lowest success rates and talk to those departments to help increase the success rates of those courses.

III. Conference Report: Strengthening Student Success Conference

Audrey Green updated the group on the Strengthening Success Conference that was held October 7-9. College of the Canyons was presented with the Hewlett Leaders in Student Success award at a luncheon session during the conference which is why we had so many representatives from College of the Canyons attend. Reports from those who attended the conference will be made available on the Skills4Success website.

IV. Call for Presentations: 2nd Annual Skills4Success Symposium

Audrey let the group know we are looking for presentations for the Skills4Success Symposium that will be held during Spring FLEX week. Denee handed out a Call for Presentations Flyer to the group.

V. Upcoming Conferences

-BSI Regional Meeting October 29-30: The Fall Basic Skills Regional meeting will be held at the Burbank Airport Hotel & Convention Center on October 29th – 30th. The focus of the regional meeting is: *Maintaining and Enhancing Student Success in Difficult Times: Sustainable, Low-Cost Classroom Practices*. Lee Hilliard volunteered to attend this conference as the College's CTE representative.

-Community College League of California (CCLC) Annual Conference November 18-21: Audrey Green, Denee Pescarmona, and Daylene Meuschke will be attending the CCLC Annual Conference.

VI. New Business/Other Discussion

Jasmine Ruys requested an agenda item for the next S4S meeting about the COC Website focus groups.

VII. Next Meeting

The committee decided to cancel the November Skills4Success meeting since it is scheduled for the same day as the CCLC Conference. The committee decided to schedule a meeting on December 3rd from 1:30 – 3:00 in BONH-330.