

# LACCD Student Success Initiative Steering Committee

October 24, 2007

## Minutes

Attendees: David Beaulieu (ELAC), Lynne Brower (LAVC), Kathleen Burke-Kelly (LAMC), Linda Cole (LATTC), Gary Colombo (DO), Marcy Drummond (LATTC), Pat Flood (LAMC), Izzy Goodman (LAPC), Deborah Harrington (DO), Mickey Hong (LACC), Alex Immerblum (ELAC), Eva Jackson (Student Trustee), Daryl Kinney (LACC), Joy McCaslin (LAPC), Joyce Moore (LACC), Richard Moyer (ELAC), Edward Pai (DO), Abbie Patterson (LAHC), Betsy Regalado (WLAC), Tom Rosdahl (LAPC), Pat Siever (WLAC), June Burlingame Smith (LAHC), J. Stanbery (LAHC), Scott Weigand (LAVC), Linda Whitney (ELAC)

Absent: Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh (LAPC), Louise Barbato (LAMC), John Clerx (DO), Patrick Jefferson (LASC), Ayesha Lindsey (LATTC), Adrienne Ann Mullen (ELAC), Sabrena Odom –Turner (LASC), George Prather (DO),

### **Minutes of 9/14/07 SSI**

Minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Student Success meeting were reviewed and approved without correction.

### **Update on SSI Steering Committee Membership**

It was confirmed that David Beaulieu brought to the DAS the request that one additional faculty representative be appointed by each campus Academic Senate President in order to further strengthen the SSI-DAS connection and to reinforce the essential role faculty play in our student success and engagement efforts. The Committee welcomed the new members serving in this capacity. The Committee also spent a generous amount of time discussing future meeting times, resulting in a determination to continue late on selected Wednesday afternoons following either the DBC or DPC meetings.

### **Debriefing of October 12<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting**

The group agreed that the most useful elements of the event were the afternoon breakout sessions where colleges had a chance to focus on their own efforts. The discussion centrally focused on the suggestion that SSI organize a follow-up event focused on best practices in our district for basic skills and also focused on integrating our own *Framework for Student Success* into our basic skills planning matrices. As for the action item request to post drafts of BSI Matrices Drafts on the Center for Student Success Basic Skills Initiative Website, it was decided that each campus would send these individually if they so decide. Gary Colombo indicated that the BSI Databook (put together by George Prather) and *The Framework* itself would be posted.

### **“The Framework for Student Success”**

G. Colombo and D. Beaulieu described the newest additions to the document involving a “guiding principles” section and the insertion throughout of a commitment to K-16

partnerships. The only revision to the document suggested by the group was to have the sentence in the opening paragraph read “The recommendations contained here emerged during workshops and committee meetings related to the District’s on-going Student Success Initiative that have occurred over the past two years and District-wide discussion of the spring 2007 Basic Skills Self Assessment pilot project” vs. “The recommendations contained here emerged during District-wide discussion of the spring 2007 Basic Skills Self Assessment pilot project and workshops and committee meetings related to the District’s on-going Student Success Initiative that have occurred over the past two years.” This change was made to emphasize the consensus that our Committee’s work, culminating in the *Framework*, have played and will continue to play the most significant role in shaping our efforts to improve student success across the District. The Committee then gave its approval to forward the document to the DAS.

Next the Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion about next steps for putting the *Framework* into action. The group consensus was to identify 3-4 high priority suggestions from the *Framework*, and then form taskforces to create action plans for the completion of the recommendations; these taskforces will report to the SSI Steering Committee on a regular basis. It was also agreed that these taskforces would announce open invitations for membership in order to complete the work. With the exception of a professional development-centered taskforce that would focus on recommendations 13-15 from the *Framework*, no other finalizations of the initial taskforces were completed (although much discussion focused on developing a required “college success” course). It was determined that the focus of the next SSI meeting would be to outline the other taskforces and the general timelines and scope of work for each.

### **Review and Discussion of the “Report of the Consultation Council Task Force on Assessment” and Reports on the RP Group Strengthening Student Success Conference and the Basic Skills Resource Center Planning Group**

Due to time, both of these items were tabled. However, before the Committee adjourned, a discussion of the Basic Skills State Allotments took place, with the confirmation given that these monies do roll over and that in the new allocation formula each campus would be guaranteed a minimum of \$100,000.

### **Next SSI Meeting**

It was agreed that the SSI Steering Committee will meet next on Wednesday, November 14th, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.