

# LACCD Student Success Initiative Steering Committee

November 14, 2007

## Minutes

Attendees: Louise Barbato (LAMC), David Beaulieu (ELAC), Lynne Brower (LAVC), Richard Block (WLAC), Kathleen Burke-Kelly (LACC), Izzy Goodman (LAPC), Deborah Harrington (DO), Alma Hawkins (LAMC), Mickey Hong (LACC), Alex Immerblum (ELAC), Joy McCaslin (LAPC), Adrienne Ann Mullen (ELAC), Susan McMurray (LAHC), Abbie Patterson (LAHC), George Prather (DO), Betsy Regalado (WLAC), Tom Rosdahl (LAPC), Scott Weigand (LAVC), Linda Whitney (ELAC)

Absent: Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh (LAPC), John Clerx (DO), Linda Cole (LATTTC), Gary Colombo (DO), Marcy Drummond (LATTTC), Pat Flood (LAMC), Eva Jackson (Student Trustee), Patrick Jefferson (LASC), Daryl Kinney (LACC), Ayesha Lindsey (LATTTC), Joyce Moore (LACC), Richard Moyer (ELAC), Pat Siever (WLAC), June Burlingame Smith (LAHC), J. Stanbery (LAHC), Sabrena Odom –Turner (LASC),

### **Minutes of 10/24/07 SSI**

Minutes of the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Student Success meeting were reviewed and approved without correction.

### **“The Framework for Student Success”: Taskforces, Timelines, Implementation**

A lengthy discussion of the three priority taskforces took place. First discussed was the Professional Development Taskforce which the group agrees should focus on Framework items #13 & #15. Some brief comments regarding item #14 were made, but it was ultimately determined that the nature, direction, and funding for specific Teaching Learning Centers must be decided by individual campuses. Further, the committee felt that the PDSSI, in designing an action plan for the implementation of #13 & #15 should focus on disseminating information on model programs and practices plus there should be efforts made by the taskforce to visit individual campuses to mentor, support, and supplement professional development efforts.

After this initial discussion, the majority of the meeting was spent defining the roles of the two other SSI taskforces and making suggestions regarding what immediate proposals from the taskforces could be implemented.

The second taskforce to be discussed and defined is a taskforce to guide most of the Framework suggestions regarding Matriculation (items 1-4, excluding #5). In determining what it would take to achieve 1-4, the committee agreed that the taskforce needs representation from the district-wide committee of Matriculation Directors, and from English and Math faculty. Joy McCaslin volunteered to chair the SSI Matriculation Taskforce. In terms of immediate action, two suggestions were made, both of which involve requesting board action to accomplish the following: 1. Require a “college success course” as part of the AA Degree, and 2. Allow students to be periodically reassessed in

order to help them move more quickly through their programs of study if progress in acquiring essential skills has been made.

The third and final taskforce of the SSI to be determined is one on Instruction, specifically in regards to Framework items #7 and #8. It was pointed out that lots of the work on this taskforce should involve a focus on SLOs and SLO assessment and on lots of staff development to support this area of focus. The committee agreed that the big goal of this taskforce should be that much more clear, unobstructed pathways through the curriculum will be made for students, with the hoped for result being that student access, success, and retention would ensue. Kathleen Burke-Kelly volunteered to chair this taskforce. In terms of immediate action, it was suggested that proposed solutions to the issues raised in #8 could be brought to the District Curriculum Committee.

The rest of the meeting involved some discussion of timelines for the taskforces, with the hope that by the next steering committee meeting the complete taskforce memberships could be in place and a first meeting time established. It was also suggested that, in keeping with the deadlines for BSI, all taskforces would be able to report on an initial set of recommendations and resource requests by March 3, 2008.

### **Future SSI Activities**

The group set March 7, 2008 for the spring, district-wide student success workshop, featuring Diego Navarro. In terms of other topics recommended for the workshop, Mr. Goodman requested that some sort of model or focused discussion on how to coordinate effectively a developmental education program be included on the agenda.

### **Next SSI Meeting**

It was agreed that the SSI Steering Committee will meet next on Wednesday, December 12th, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles City College.