

LACCD Student Success Initiative

Steering Committee

February 28, 2007

Minutes

Attendees: Louise Barbato (LAMC), David Beaulieu (ELAC), Bonnie Blustein (WLAC), Kathleen Burke-Kelly (LAMC), Steve Castillo (LAVC), Gary Colombo (DO), Deborah diCesare (LAVC), Marcy Drummond (LATTTC), Angela Echeverri (LAMC), Izzy Goodman (LAPC), Daryl Kinney (LACC), Alexandra Maeck (LACC), Leon Marzillier (DAS—LAVC), Joy McCaslin (LAPC), , Joyce Moore (LACC), Ed Pai (WLAC), Abbie Patterson (LAHC), Hector Plotquin (LACC), Gary Prostack (LAMC), Ayesha Randall (LATTTC), Betsy Regalado (WLAC), Paul Stansbury (WLAC), Rebecca Tillberg (LACC), Scott Weigand (LAVC), Deidre Wood (LATTTC), Maria Elena Yepes (ELAC)

Absent: Laurence Bradford (LACC), John Clerx (District), Jack Daniels (LASC), Pat Flood (LAMC), Tony Gamble (WLAC), Patrick Jefferson (LASC), Chini Johnson-Taylor (LATTTC), David Jordan (LAMC), Stanislav Levin (DO Laurie Nalepa (LAVC), Sabrina T. Odom (LASC), Genevieve Pathey-Chavez (LACC), George Prather (DO), Joe Ramirez (LAMC), La Vergne Rosow (DAS—LAVC), Sally Raskoff (LAVC), Pat Siever (WLAC), Mercy Yanez (LAHC),

Minutes of 1/25/07 SSI

The committee reviewed and approved, with minor revisions, the minutes of the SSI Steering Committee meeting held on January 25, 2007.

Basic Skills Self Assessment (BSSA) Pilot Program

After introductions of the BSSA college coordinators, D. Beaulieu and G. Colombo offered the committee a summary of the events that led to the opportunity for LACCD colleges to participate in the pilot of the Basic Skills Self Assessment inventory. The offer grew out of the Basic Skills Roundtable that was held at USC on January 30, 2007. The BSSA instruments were developed by the RP Group's Center for Student Success under the leadership of CCSF's Bob Gabriner. 14 colleges will be involved in the pilot effort this spring, with the LACCD accounting for 9 of this group. Not all colleges are expected to complete the BSSA this spring, but all are encouraged to participate in the process.

Committee members reviewed a two-page synopsis of the BSSA process that detailed its origin, goals, outcomes, and offered a model timeline for its completion. It was explained that the data involved in the self assessment would be provided centrally by G. Prather, working with the District Research Council. It was also noted that the colleges can begin the self assessment process before the data section is completed since much of the inventory deals with qualitative analysis of college's current practices in relation to the "effective practices" included in the BSSA document. Finally, it was noted that colleges would be free to organize the BSSA effort as they saw fit, and that the SSI Steering Committee would monitor college progress and serve as a clearing house for discussion of the project during the remainder of spring term.

English Language Arts BS Taskforce Activities

The committee discussed the future efforts of the ELABSTF in light of the on-going BSSA at the colleges, and decided that the ELABSTF might meet less frequently over coming weeks so that English and ESL faculty and chairs would not be overburdened. It was also agreed, however, that the ELABSTF should get together to review the “effective practices” sections of the BSSA that relate directly to language arts instruction and to formulate district-wide recommendations for improving basic skills instruction.

LaGuardia College Workshop

At the committee’s request, LaGuardia college has been invited to return to hold a follow-up workshop on “The LaGuardia Approach to Student Success” on Friday, April 13th. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30-3:00 p.m. at LATTC. D. Beaulieu and G. Colombo will be working with LaGuardia’s Cecilia Macheski over coming weeks to outline the day’s program and design the breakout sessions. All SSI Steering Committee members are asked to help recruit confirmed participants for the event. A tentative “Save-the-Date” flier was distributed.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the SSI Steering Committee will meet next on Friday, March 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the District Boardroom.