



**LACCD Student Success Initiative
Steering Committee**

Tuesday, September 21, 2010
811 Wilshire Boulevard
2:00-3:30 PM

In Attendance

Elizabeth Atondo (Pierce); David Beaulieu (DO); Kathleen Burke Kelly (Trade); Raul Cardozo (Trade); Yasmin Delahoussaye (DO); Roza Ekimyan (Mission); Evelyn Escatiola (East); Deborah Harrington (Trade); Alex Immerblum (East); Daryl Kinney (DO); Daniel LaVista (DO); Joy McCaslin (Pierce); Susan McMurray (Harbor); Adrienne Anne Mullen (East); George Prather (DO); Gary Prostack (Mission); Curt Reisberg (Mission); Nancy Sander (West); Dorothy Smith (Trade); Andrew Walzer (City); Scott Weigand (Valley);

Minutes

The minutes from the May 21 meeting were distributed.

Welcome

Yasmin Delahoussaye, Vice Chancellor, welcomed the committee to the new academic year and she welcomed Daniel LaVista, Chancellor, to LACCD and to the Student Success Initiative Steering Committee (SSIC). Both new district administrators emphasized how important student success is to the district and expressed interest in becoming champions for student success efforts district wide. David Beaulieu provided a brief history of the Student Success Initiative in the LACCD and Deborah Harrington outlined how LACCD became the fiscal agent for the statewide ESL/Basic Skills Professional Development Grant.

Reports on Student Success Efforts

FTLA (Faculty Teaching and Learning Academy)

Deborah Harrington, David Beaulieu, Scott Weigand and Daryl Kinney reported on the state of the FTLA (<http://ftla.edulounge.net>) in the LACCD. So far there have been two classes totaling 65 faculty from across all nine LACCD campuses who have completed the FTLA. Last spring the Board of Trustees agreed to double the size of the FTLA so now two classes per year can be offered. The next FTLA class will begin in January 2011 and will be held at Trade Tech. Look for applications in early November. Forty applicants are accepted into each class.

LARN (Los Angeles Regional Network)

Daryl Kinney reported on the activities that are part of the ESL/Basic Skills Professional Development Grant (3CSN: California Community Colleges' Success Network) that is administered for the state by LACCD. The Los Angeles Regional Network (LARN) is made up of 13 colleges: the 9 LACCD colleges plus Pasadena City College, College of the Canyons, Glendale College, and Antelope Valley College. These colleges collaborate to share resources and expertise in efforts to improve student success on their individual campuses. There are now 8 regional networks in the state that work together to bring professional development strategies and activities to colleges across California. Information on the LACCD Math Faculty Inquiry Group (FIG) was also shared. In the first year (2009), five LACCD colleges plus Santa Ana College each provided 2 faculty members with a one course reassignment in the fall to work collaboratively with their respective departments to identify

a barrier to student success in developmental math and then to come up with solutions to overcome that barrier. The departments then implemented the identified solutions to see what effect, if any, there was on student success in developmental math. In 2010, the Hewlett funded program will expand to other colleges within and outside of LACCD, including Mission, Santa Monica, and Pasadena. Bruce Yoshiwara of Pierce College will assume leadership for this group in the coming year. Finally, committee members were encouraged to attend the 3CSN sponsored LINKS event that will be held at LA Valley College on October 29. Information and registration information is available at <http://bit.ly/links21a>.

SSI Taskforce Recommendations

Davis Beaulieu and Deborah Harrington reported on the Pathways to Student Success and Completion document that was endorsed by the Board of Trustees on June 16, 2010. These pathways include expanding the "Bridge to College" across the district; implementing a single district-wide student portal system and an integrated ePortfolio system available to all students; designing and offering intensive math immersion programs structured to move students from basic skills to college level math within their first semester; creating a Basic Skills Research Taskforce to investigate policy changes and instructional innovations to enhance academic success; doubling the size of the FTLA and encouraging collaboration between FTLA graduates and Project Match participants.

Vision 2020

All LACCD employees planning to attend any of the Vision 2020 presentations across the state were asked to send that information to Tara Ward.

Chancellor's Remarks

Dr. LaVista provided an overview of his philosophy and his support for efforts to move students toward achieving their goals. He asked questions of the committee and offered his support for the group's efforts.

Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were provided for the upcoming year (3rd Friday of each month) with the caveat that some of the dates might need to be modified. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.