

LACCD Student Success Initiative/ AtD Summit #4
Steering Committee Minutes
Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning
East Los Angeles College
March 27, 2015

Summary of Event:

The LACCD SSI Steering Committee hosted its fourth and final summit focused on one of the SSI/AtD goals for the year, *culturally responsive teaching and learning*. East Los Angeles College hosted the event. There were 46 participants at the summit. Our guest speaker was Darrick Smith, from University of San Francisco and Learning Works; our panel speakers were from Trade Tech, Harbor, West L.A., and ELAC. Trade Tech discussed their Guardians Scholars Program for former foster youth. They also discussed LATTC's Punte program. Harbor discussed the professional learning training on culturally responsive teaching and learning they received from Baltimore City College and implemented last year on their campus with both faculty, staff, and students. They received a grant to do this through Learning Works. ELAC discussed a new mentor program focused on assisting young men (Male Leadership Academy); they plan to include women as well once they are more established. They are currently in their third month of implementation using equity funds. West L.A. discussed the equity planning and events they have had on their campus.

Participants enjoyed the presentation by our keynote speaker, Dr. Smith. He discussed the current equity issues facing the state's community colleges and the role faculty and staff have in assisting students, as well as to how to make classrooms culturally aware and responsive.

Attendees for Event Debrief: Jessica Cristo, DO; Crystal Kiekel, Pierce; Clare Norris, WLAC;

Event Debrief: The SSI steering committee met and discussed the summit. They felt that this discussion was essential giving its timing with the equity funding. The group plans to focus on equity and highlight the campuses that are making changes, during the ATD Retreat on April 24th at Mission College.