



Skills4Success Committee Meeting
Thursday May 27, 2010
Library-206 (R-206)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm



Attendees: Edel Alonso (Counseling), Jennifer Brezina (English), Susan Crowther (MESA), Vincent Devlahovich (Geology), Ron Dreiling (English), Collette Gibson (Math), Audrey Green (Academic Affairs), Angela Grigoryan (Math), Lee Hilliard (Computer Networking), Kevin Kistler (Academic Affairs), Susan Ling (DSP&S), Mojdeh Mahn (TLC), Brandy McGrath (English), Daylene Meuschke (Institutional Research), Catherine Parker (Research), Denee Pescarmona (English), Mary Petersen (English), Jasmine Ruys (Admissions), Tracey Sherard (English)

I. Sub-Committee Reports

-FYE: Denee updated the group on the first three Cougar Days, and that there will be one more coming in June. They have begun scripting out the face to face orientation for the July orientation sessions and are looking for faculty to help out. Students will learn how to use MyCanyons and will register for two FYE classes during the July orientation sessions.

-Curriculum: English: Jennifer Brezina let the group know that ENGL-071 & 081 have been changed from pass/no pass to letter grade beginning in Fall 2010.

ESL: Kevin Kistler updated the group on the new NC.ESL courses that will begin being offered in Fall 2010

-Non Credit to Credit Transition: Kevin Kistler updated the group on the transition workshops which were a huge success. Students seemed very motivated about transitioning into credit programs.

-Professional Development: Brandy McGrath let the group know she will be chairing the Professional Development Committee beginning in Fall 2010. The main thing the Professional development group will focus on is the Basic Skills Certificate program. There will also be a 3 day On-Course training session during the Fall 2010 FLEX week. Tracey Sherard shared that she felt the On-Course training she went through earlier in the year was one of the most positive FLEX experiences she has had. Ron Dreiling talked about the Teaching Skills Certificate, they are looking for some feedback from the form they presented to the faculty development committee. They are also looking for another name for the certificate rather than 'Teaching Skills'.

-Research: Daylene Meuschke let the group know the Research committee is working on the math and ESL progression studies. For the FYE program, they are waiting to analyze the Cougar Day surveys. The FYE Orientation Session survey is laid out but need the FYE committee to take a look at it before it is finalized. There are a lot of surveys coming in for Supplemental Instruction workshops and GLA's, waiting until all of the surveys are in before they run the analysis. Taking The Zone surveys further, they will be looking at teams on a whole pre and post Zone. TABE, Test for Adult Basic Education, pre and post tests were given. MATH-060, undertaking a two part study 1) success of students in applied vs. non-applied sections and 2) final exam scores rather than grades.

-Supplemental Instruction: Mary Petersen let the group know they are putting together a skeleton of workshops and working on staffing for Fall 2010. They would like to get this in place before faculty leave for the summer. They would also like to survey faculty that participated in Supplemental Instruction through an online survey (Survey Monkey) with a few simple questions.

II. Review of 2009-2010

The committee reviewed the 2009-2010 Basic Skills Action Plan that was created in Fall 2009.

III. Goals for 2010-2011

The committee listed out a few goals and focus areas for the 2010-2011 which includes increasing the collaboration between faculty and the TLC, use Opening Day to pitch Basic Skills, and student inquiry groups

IV. Upcoming Conferences

3CSN – June 13th – 20th in Lake Arrowhead

RP Group, Strengthening Student Success Conference – October 6th – 8th in Costa Mesa

XI. New Business/Other Discussion

None

XII. Next Meeting

Fall 2010, To Be Announced.