

Achieving the Dream

Core Team Meeting

September 3, 2014

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. McMillen
Kim Teel
Steve Davis
Leon Deutsch
Tony Stanzo
Daniel Nickeson
Chase Machen
Gary Paikowski
Shelle Cassell
Barbara Malone
Dr. Organ
Charles Leslie
Carla Fanning
Debbie Smarr
Mark Taylor
Keri Harvey

1. Facilitators for *Bridges out of Poverty*

- a. 18 people have volunteered to serve as facilitators, which is more than expected. Leon will begin organizing the times for the groups so GC people can begin scheduling through the CWL website.
- b. The Common Read will conclude in April
- c. Leon has provided a calendar for the facilitators to meet with groups, and Shelle will help with ‘marketing.’

2. List of other activities for Poverty Awareness suggested by SISD

- a. Dr. Bennett, Asst Super at SISD, provided suggestions for Poverty Awareness. These are activities that the ISD completed last year. In particular, Leon likes Activity #1: Poverty Simulation.

- b. SISD has a Director of Secondary Education who would be willing to present on poverty. She has experience with working with students who are from poverty and have limited English.
- c. It was discussed and agreed upon to have activities on a quarterly basis (guest speakers, poverty simulation, etc) in conjunction with the Common Read.
- d. The Data Summit will be the first activity to help faculty become engaged with student success and to 'see' who our students are at GC (age, ethnicity, gender, etc).
- e. How to communicate/roll out AtD? The first year is dedicated to helping the GC community understand the purpose of AtD/Student Success. State of the College, Kick Off (immersion), Oct – Equity Focus, November – data pieces, January – Engagement pieces, (the following year's focus would be to bring the students in).
- f. Poverty Simulation will be engagement piece for January 2015
- g. Speaker will be final piece for the Professional Development day in Spring
- h. SubCommittee will bring recommendation to the team on how to coordinate with local partners (reach out to groups in our community who are doing their own studies of poverty who can be invited in/asked to share). Subcommittee: Leon Deutsch, Charles Leslie, and Shelle Cassell
- i.

3. Questions for Dr.McMillen and Linda's Interview

- a. Dr. Organ reviewed how the team leaders will help spread the message of the AtD message, student success, poverty, etc.
- b. Questions to be asked during interview:
 - i. What is Atd?
 - ii. Why are we doing this? How does it impact me and what I do at GC?
 - iii. Could you speak to the issue with equity and how this is vital to student success? (JPM to Linda)
 - iv. Please send your questions to DW

4. Data Summit Update

- a. Dr. Smarr has completed a lot of work to prepare us for Data Summit

- b. The finalized agenda for the Student Success Data Summit (September 24th and 25th) was distributed by Dr.SMarr
 - c. Dr.Smarr will be emailing individual groups their data to be reviewed/discussed
 - d. Dr.McMillen suggested posters be prepared for Data Summit with Key Data
 - e. Follow up to the data summit is to develop action plans – possible retreat in February with a core group of people to review data/actions plan and then develop a four year plan
- 5. Assessment Survey**
- a. Dr. Machen compiled an assessment for the average summary of exams, quizzes, writing assignments, and readings from a sample of English 1301, Math 0420, Learning Frameworks, and History 1301. Averages are for all four classes.
 - b. JPM asked if this data could be revised to quantify ‘tasks to remember.’; Dr.Machen will research this.
- 6. Kick-Off Event Update**
- a. Leon feels comfortable with schedule
 - b. Cynthia Taylor will be assisting Leon to coordinate the lunch
- 7. Student Panel for AtD Kickoff**
- a. Student Panel: Two current students and 2 graduates. Leon will send out an email requesting suggestions (or please send names/contact info to Leon on students you personally know).
- 8. Finalize the Expanded College Success Council**
- a. Homework for Dr.McMillen and Dr.Smarr
- 9. “Student Success Through a Policy Lens” Working Group Recommendations**
- a. Due November 2014
- 10.“What Excellent Community Colleges Do” Chapter 2 Discussion**
- a. Carry over to next meeting
 - b. Please continue to read and move on to Chapter 3
 - c. Dr.Smarr suggested that we spend one meeting day to reflect/discuss Chapter 1
- 11.Next Steps**
- a. August 2014 Planning Year Work Plan due (submitted on 8/27/14)

- b. November 15, 2014: 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 academic year data due
- c. February 2015 Dream Due
- d. March 2015 DRAFT Implementation Proposal due
- e. April 2015 Colleges receive feedback on draft Implementation Proposals
- f. May 2015 Final Implementation Proposal and contact sheet due

Next meeting is scheduled for September 17th

Data Summit Kick Off Clean Up

Limited agenda to discuss Chapter 1