



**Basic Skills Initiative / Hispanic
Serving Institution Committee**
November 15, 2012 Minutes

MEETING TYPE:

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Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Ending Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: AA-140

Co-CHAIRS: Gary Sosa, Cynthia Anfinson, and Patrick O'Brien

ATTENDANCE: Gary Sosa, Patrick O'Brien, Cynthia Anfinson, Leanne Maunu, Debra Avila, Shayla Sivert, Marlene Forney, Erin Feld, Lee Chen, Cecilia Rocha, Rodolfo Jacobo, Nimoli Madan, Richard Borden, Melinda Carrillo, Gabriel Sanchez, Lori Meyers, Jamie Spirito, Mollie Smith, Jennifer Gonzalez, Larson (Brock)

GUEST: Jeanna Pina, Jessica Perez Ambrocio

ABSENT: Barnaba, McDonough, Kinsinger, Brock, One-Deer Gavin, Castillo

RECORDER: Debra Avila

Approval of October 18, 2012 Minutes

MSC: O'Brien, Jacobo

Coordinators' reports

Patrick O'Brien reported that he has been meeting with several Fall 2012 Learning Community teaching partners and that an end-of-year meeting has been scheduled on December 6th for LC faculty. Patrick attended the Learning in Networks for Knowledge Sharing (LINKS) conference in Irvine on November 2, 2012. LINKS is an investigation into the factors affecting student completion and exploration of interventions that can be used in the classroom and student service area. Patrick has been working on the Fall 2013 LC schedule meeting with departments and linking courses. Cindy Anfinson and Patrick have been working on the First Year Experience program development.

Leanne Maunu provided an update on the Spring 2013 Professional Development workshops and events schedule, which will be available in January. There are only a few spots available for the February 1st "Teaching the 21st Century Student" workshop at CSUSM.

Gary Sosa discussed his thoughts re: students' getting the attention they need from their first point of contact at Palomar. For example, when students call in asking for tutoring, are they asked questions to clarify which tutoring service they are looking for? Should this be happening with the HelpDesk? Do we need to provide more specific information? Gary agreed to approach Don Sullins to begin a conversation.

Jessica Ambrocio, Tutorial Specialist, from the Escondido TLC, announced the upcoming workshops and noted that the last day of tutoring at the TLC is Wednesday, December 13th.

Cindy Anfinson has been in communication with the Fall 2012 Math faculty who teach our SB 2012 students and reported on the academic progress of Summer Bridge / ME1st. She discussed her early alert intervention process and the outcome thus far. Out of thirty-six SB students, twenty-five are passing math at a 69% pass rate compared to the Math Department pass rate of 55%. Two SB students are not passing Math, four students are currently not enrolled or have dropped, five no replies from Math instructors. Out of thirteen ME1st students eight are passing ESL and three are not passing. Cindy has contacted the failing students' instructors

which will follow-up with these students. Three students are not enrolled this semester or have dropped the course.

SB 2013 has been developed, though details are still being discussed with the BSI.HSI workgroup. When it is finalized, it will be brought to the committee. The SB 2012 "Keep in Touch" meeting scheduled on November 30th will provide us with an opportunity to assist SB/ME1st students with Spring 2013 registration, and a Financial Aid representative will be available to assist students as well. Cindy and Patrick will be attending the High School Conference on November 16th to promote Summer Bridge programs and Learning Communities. Cindy briefly touched on the FYE program and what it might look like.

Lastly the committee worked in groups developing and expanding on the brainstorming ideas they came up with at the October 18th meeting (support for our students at Palomar who face the kinds of issues typically faced by low-income students).

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Our first meeting of Spring 2013 will be on Thursday, January 24, 2013 (the 4th Thursday of January), and we will return to our regular 3rd Thursday of the month on February 21, 2013.

