



**Basic Skills Initiative / Hispanic
Serving Institution Committee**
March 18, 2010 Minutes

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Staff
☐ Product/Project
☐ Special

Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Ending Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: SU-18

Co-CHAIRS: Gary Sosa and Judy Wilson

ATTENDANCE: Gary Sosa, Judy Wilson, Linda Morrow, Sue Zolliker, Martin Japtok, Steve McDonald, Cindy Anfinson, Theresa Hogan Egkan, Sue Norton, Siria Martinez, Kimberly Word, Lee Chen, Stan Levy

ABSENT: Furch, Cuaron, Medel, Borden, Norton, Arguello, Barnaba, Gavin, Sanchez, Bongolan, Minamide

GUEST: Josue Graciano

RECORDER: Terri Wallace

Coordinators' Report

Tere Egkan brought us up to date on the status of the Summer Bridge Program. The first mailing about the program was sent along with Palomar's math map of courses. Tere has been in contact with Escondido High School faculty and will be hosting a Summer Bridge parent and student information evening on April 6th. Tere explained that arrangements were made to incorporate a Blackboard component to teach Blackboard etiquette. The Summer Bridge students will attend a math lab with two tutors Monday through Thursdays, attend counseling workshops on three Fridays, and have 1 trip off campus. July 22nd the students will be re-assessed in math skills and July 23rd will celebrate their accomplishments. Discussion followed regarding not restricting the access of students to the Summer Bridge Program.

Judy Wilson shared her findings from visiting Grossmont and San Diego City College Learning Community programs. She learned that Grossmont has offered learning communities for 25 years and that the teachers are very enthusiastic in particular with the collaboration. Judy also shared her experience from the Lilly Teaching Conference in Pomona, regarding Faculty Inquiry Groups (FIG's).

Gary Sosa asked the committee for volunteers interested in being a part of the San Marcos TLC site planning workgroup that could meet during a Tuesday workgroup meetings from 12:30-2:00pm. Gary shared that Carol Lowther and Michael Large are working on a questionnaire to get learning community feedback from students and faculty. Gary told the committee about a student faculty HSI panel workshop held at the TLC. Josue Graciano, a member of MeCHA and the HSI Science Club that participated on the Latino Student Panel workshop, visited the committee and shared his views about college success for the Hispanic students.

Project Supervisor's Report

Siria Martinez reported on the progress of the development of the Learning Communities website. Siria informed the committee that eighteen out of twenty-two TLC tutors attended and enjoyed the first training. Ruth Tait-Brown from the Disability Resource Center spoke with the tutors about what to expect with the TLC students. Siria is working on a tutor training manual and hopes to have it ready for fall 2010.

TLC San Marcos

Steve McDonald explained that the P-North building is being considered as a temporary location for the San Marcos TLC and later possibly the P-South building as permanent location. There is \$83,000 in the BSI allocation that needs to be spent this year. It will be used for the architectural analysis of the San Marcos TLC location. LPA architects will be on campus in April to discuss our needs for the San Marcos TLC.

BSI Budget Status

Steve McDonald passed out a BSI Allocations/Budget Projections worksheet which broke down expense projections. We are currently expending from the 2007-2008 \$417,661.00 allocation. The allocation decreases over the next two years.

Escondido TLC Data

Steve shared data from a four-page report prepared by Michael Large from Institutional Research and Planning on how the Escondido TLC is being used. The data showed that the primary reasons were for homework at 46.9% and math lab at 30%.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010.