



Basic Skills Initiative / Hispanic Serving Institution Committee *September 20, 2012 Minutes*

MEETING TYPE:

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Staff
Product/Project
Special

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, Shayla Sivert, Lee Chen, Cynthia Anfinson, Marlene Forney, Ruth Barnaba, Pam McDonough, Lori Meyers, Erin Feld, Jamie Spirito, Debra Avila, Cecilia Rocha, Monica Castillo, Mollie Smith, Wendy Nelson, Gabriel Sanchez, Rodolfo Jacobo, Nimoli Madan, Perri Brock, Calvin One-Deer Gavin

GUEST: Jeanna Pina

ABSENT: Carrillo, Kinsinger, Cuaron, Halttunen, Borden

RECORDER: Terri Wallace

The meeting began with a wonderful presentation by Dr. Rodolfo Jacobo, from the Multi-Cultural Studies Department, about what the college can do to make Latino students feel more accepted and welcome at Palomar College. Dr. Jacobo's book titled "Negotiating Spaces: The Lives of Undocumented Youth" puts forward the question: what are the effects of the symbiotic relationship of a historical anti-Mexican sentiment and a failed U.S. immigration policy on the negotiation of spaces by college age Mexican-origin undocumented students?

Approval of August 30, 2012 Minutes

MSC: Anfinson / Nelson

BSI Allocation Report

Dean Shayla Sivert reported on the draft copy of the 2011-12 ESL/Basic Skills Allocation End-of-Year Report, which includes the goals, action plan, and expenditure plan for the coming year. The workgroup is due to the state on October 10th. The report asks the question "What would we do differently". The report also asks for three five year long term goals/activities and to tie it with the budget. This report is going to the Faculty Senate as an information item and will be presented to the BSI.HSI committee next month as an information item.

Coordinators Update

Gary Sosa and Debra Avila both reported on the Escondido Teaching and Learning Center. The TLC has been very busy serving ninety to one-hundred students daily. The TLC has nine new tutors, and two counselors are serving students at the TLC twice a week. The TLC is hosting the Fall 2012 Workshop Series and Five ESL Workshops. The schedule along with additional information is available on the TLC webpages [Palomar Community College District | BSI/HSI](#). Tutors are being recognized and celebrated during the National Tutoring Week. Gary reported that the San Marcos TLC structure is being re-tooled for its updated purpose focusing on the First Year Experience, Learning Communities, and Summer Bridge students. The San Marcos TLC space will also be different from the Escondido TLC.

Cindy Anfinson reported that the English Department has agreed to discuss participating in Summer Bridge next summer. Fergal O'Doherty has volunteered to work on the content. Mark Lane (Planetarium) has been

contacted about a show for Summer Bridge students next year. Cindy and Jeanna Pina have been working on the first Summer Bridge newsletter, which will be sent out to the high school counselors and to Palomar Counseling faculty. Cindy and Jeanna will be attending the "Website in a Month" series of workshops to get the new Summer Bridge website up and running. This website is aimed at students and will include an on-line application. The faculty response to Cindy's request for feedback on Summer Bridge and ME1st students has been good. An information meeting is being set-up by Ann Voth on Monday, October 22nd about a new Math 15 curriculum. Barbara Lontz, from Montgomery Community College in Pennsylvania, will present her new approach to basic math called "Concept to Numbers" and will be training faculty and tutors in the Math center.

Patrick O'Brien reported that he is currently working on Spring 2013 Learning Communities, and so far he has six LC's set-up. The LC's consist of English 100 and English 270, English 10 and Reading 50, English 50 and Counseling 110, Reading 50 and Counseling 110, Reading 110 and ESL 102, and Economics 101 and Economics 102. Patrick and Cindy Anfinson met with Calvin One Deer Gavin and Patricia Rodriguez to talk about bringing more grant funded students to Learning Communities and the First Year Experience program. Currently fifteen hundred students come to Palomar from grant funded Programs. Patrick is also looking into offering LC's for these students and is considering year-long Learning Communities.

Leanne Maunu updated the committee on Professional Development activities and handed out the Fall 2012 PD Workshop Schedule. On Course series and refresher workshops will continue this semester. A retirement workshop is offered this semester also. Leanne will begin scheduling spring workshops in October. Please contact Leanne if you have ideas for future workshops.

Staffing Plan

Dean Sivert reported that, since she presented the TLC San Marcos preliminary staffing plan to the committee last month, she along with Dean Sourbeer and Molly Smith have been discussing a funding plan for the various parts of the San Marcos TLC with the plan to have the college pick up a percentage of the costs. These discussions will continue, and Dean Sivert will keep the committee updated.

The meeting ended at 3:30pm.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 18, 2012 from 2:00-3:30 pm in AA-140.