



Basic Skills Initiative / Hispanic Serving Institution Committee *February 21, 2013 Minutes*

MEETING TYPE:

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Staff
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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, Cynthia Anfinson, Leanne Maunu, Debra Avila, Shayla Sivert, Marlene Forney, Erin Feld, Lee Chen, Cecilia Rocha, Richard Borden, Melinda Carrillo, Lori Meyers, Jamie Spirito, Mollie Smith, Jennifer Gonzalez, Perri Larson, Wendy Nelson

GUEST: Jeanna Pina Bayaca, Jessica Perez Ambrocio, Ann Voth

ABSENT: Sanchez, Madan, Jacobo, Kinsinger, One-Deer Gavin, Castillo, Gonzales, Barnaba

RECORDER: Terri Wallace

Approval of November 15, 2012 Minutes

MSC: Maunu, Nelson

Coordinators' Reports

Leanne Maunu reported that she has been working on the Fall 2013 workshop schedule and has begun planning the Fall 2013 plenary. Leanne mentioned that there has been some low workshop enrollment, though the Spring 2013 plenary workshop titled "How Can We Help with Our Students' Basic Skills Need" had high attendance. Faculty were not aware of the large percentage of Basic Skills students attending Palomar College.

Cindy Anfinson reported that the Summer Bridge students are doing well. Thirty-three of our thirty-six 2012 Summer Bridge students were enrolled in Math 50 in Fall 2012 and passed. All math and ESL instructors have been contacted to alert them that they have a SB or ME1st student in their class and will receive requests for updates on a regular basis. Two three-week SB Math sessions are planned for SB 2013. Financial Aid workshops are also planned for the incoming 2013 SB students.

Two-hundred slots are planned for Fall 013 FYE program, which will accept students via a three-tier system including returning students who have been out of school five years.

Gary Sosa reported that tutoring is being recognized for the various tutoring opportunities at San Marcos and Escondido campuses. The Tutoring Workgroup shares and discusses various procedures and has been talking about the benefits of centralizing tutoring. The Palomar Attendance Tracking (PAT) System was developed by Palomar College programmers and is used in most tutoring centers. Students sign into the PAT system, which ties the student to an activity and a specific class. The Tutoring Workgroup has also discussed interest in forming a committee in order to be heard across the campus and have the opportunity to make requests. The next step for getting a commitment for tutoring is to have the tutoring workgroup write a letter to Berta Cuaron, VP of Instruction, about Palomar's tutoring needs. The final step would be the PRP process and possibly presentation of the letter to the Instructional Planning Committee (IPC). The BSI.HSI Workgroup is looking to name the San Marcos TLC and would like suggestions from the BSI.HSI Committee. Gary has been talking

with our Palomar Helpdesk about referring students to tutoring services, and a Professional Development workshop is being considered to inform faculty and staff what services are available for students.

Jessica Perez Ambrocio, Escondido Tutorial Specialist, shared that the TLC has been very busy this semester. The TLC has a staff of eleven tutors, who are handling the large demand for tutoring. The workshop schedule began with a scholarship information session, and a Math Success workshop is next. This semester, a Math 110 review workshop was well attended with twenty students.

Patrick O'Brien reported that all Spring 2013 Learning Communities are filled. Patrick has visited a few LC classes and will have an informal meeting with instructors. At this time, there are four tentative, three pending and three confirmed LC's for Fall 2013. Wendy Nelson suggested making LC presentations to chairs and directors to increase awareness and their significance. Patrick passed out a handout showing part-time and full-time faculty participation.

Gary Sosa told the committee that the HSI Grant ends September 30, 2013 and that the committee will continue with the Basic Skills Initiative only. Gary asked what direction the committee should take to continue advocating for the basic skills students.

The meeting ended at 3:30pm.