



Basic Skills Initiative Committee

September 18, 2014

Approved Date: 10/16/2014

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Staff
☐ Product/Project
☐ Special

STARTING TIME: 2:00pm

ENDING TIME: 3:30pm

LOCATION: H-306

Co-Chairs: Cindy Anfinson, Lawrence Lawson

Members Present: Cindy Anfinson, Lawrence Lawson, Melinda Carrillo, Lee Chen, Nimoli Madan, Kelly Falcone, Shayla Sivert, Marlene Forney, Patrick O'Brien, Debra Avila, , Ruth Barnaba, Cecilia Rocha, Mollie Smith,

Members Absent: Erin Feld, Lori Waite, Brian Stockert, Calvin One-Deer Gavin, Berta Cuaron or designee

Guest(s):

Recorder: Anel Gonzalez

Lawrence Lawson called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Introductions

Reports

Learning Communities - Lawrence

This fall semester, Lawrence reported that all is well with LC instructors. Courses are filled at 81%, which is a 2% drop from the August numbers. A few instructors are interested in meeting as a group to discuss LC topics, and Lawrence is looking at the schedules to schedule a meeting. There is a video project underway in which students in LCs will be asked to make a video showing LC and why they like them; these videos would be used to promote LCs. Shayla suggested that they contact RTV, but Lawrence clarified that these videos would be student projects that encourage students to learn more about the LCs as they shoot on their phones, etc. The videos would be put to a campus vote and students may win small prizes.

For Spring 2015, the goal was to increase LCs by 20%, and that goal has been reached by offering 12 LC classes. Five out of the twelve classes are foundational skills LCs, two are Algebra 2n1, four are transfer-level LCs, and one new one is a foundational skills STEM LC. The STEM LC will cap out at 26 for Counseling 165 and Math 60.

Summer Bridge and FYE Update - Cindy

Cindy reported that she has been meeting with the faculty who participated in Summer Bridge 2014 to debrief and improve the program for Summer 2015. Cindy is also working on a SB report and will send it off to the committee once the draft is reviewed.

Cindy reported that as of September 16, FYE program had received 315 applications. 51 of the applicants did not have classes by the 3rd week of school, and they have been dropped from the program. Cindy also reported that 142 students attended two formal orientations and additional 44 students have attended 1:1 orientations. The other students will be dropped from the program if they fail to complete the orientation. A series of workshops has been created for FYE students; they will be mainly

held at the TLC although we are collaborating with many other departments on campus. Cindy has also started to run the FYE Alert reports and is taking action on faculty recommendations.

Cindy showed a presentation regarding the success of students who are “touched” by tutoring. The numbers are astounding as it is clear that even one tutoring session makes a big difference in class retention and passing rates. After discussion about possible ways the college might move regarding tutoring, Melinda and Mollie both agreed that the BSI committee needs to collect clear-cut evidence like this as well as come up with a good argument to continue the good work that tutors accomplish.

Approval of minutes: motion to approve/second: Falcone/Carrillo

Correction:

BSI/HSI: “BSI” on title and under introductions

Minutes approved 2:44pm

TLC Update- Cindy for Debra Avila

Debra was not able to attend due to schedule conflicts with TLC Escondido. She prepared a report that Cindy read.

Escondido TLC

- As of today, we have 1378 visits by 529 different students.
- Tutors and staff have made class presentations to many English, Math and ESL classes regarding tutoring services. Instructors have also brought their classes over to visit the TLC.
- A list of upcoming workshops was handed out to the committee.
- ESL workshops have been successful this semester. We had 14 students attend Subject/Pronouns and 10 attend Simple Present workshop. We have Do vs. Does scheduled for September 22nd.
- We are in the process of scheduling a transfer workshop.

San Marcos TLC

- As of today, we have 3495 visits by 937 different students.
- Study rooms are used and the center is packed from morning until closing.

Action

BSI Allocation Report - Shayla

Shayla reported that the BSI Allocation report was reviewed by the budget office and given the “ok” to move forward to Faculty Senate. After it is approved, it will be ready to go to the Chancellor’s Office. Shayla continued to say that both she and Anel have tweaked the budget datasheets so that future reporting will be easier.

Activity

Due to the time, activities will be moved to next month’s agenda.

Next Meeting October 16, 2014 2:00 – 3:30pm, H-306

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm