Basic Skills Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, November 16, 2010 3:00-4:30pm Building 3-104

1. Basic Skills Action Plan – report due to the State on 12/10/10

30 min

2. Discussion regarding new certificate "Pathways to Degree and Transfer"

Below is a summary of feedback Carla has received regarding the certificate:

30 min

In Favor of the Certificate:	Concerns:
It will give the student something to look forward to.	Students will ask "What is the purpose of the certificate?"
Serves as a stepping stone to degree and/or transfer.	Students may feel patronized.
It is an accomplishment for the basic skills student.	The certificate must be presented in a positive manner or students will feel demoralized.
Earning the certificate will be posted on the students' transcript. It will allow them to walk in the grad ceremony.	Why promote a certificate if the student is focused on transfer?
It will be a motivating factor. Students will see the value of all of their hard work in basic skills classes.	
Students can list the certificate as an accomplishment on job applications and scholarships applications.	

Other Recommendations:

Limit the amount of CBOT classes offered as selectives.

Add Speech as a selective.

The "TRAK" title may remind students of the tracking system. It addresses transfer only and not degree. Prefer the title "Pathways to Degree and Transfer."

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18th 3:00-4:30pm