

BASIC SKILLS COMMITTEE

Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 3:00-4:30pm Building 13- Room 112

Present: Salumeh Eslamieh, Carla Stoner-Brito, Jeanne Gross, Rita Sabbadini, Yolanda Valenzuela, Alicia Aguirre, Jenny Castello, Leonor Cabrera, Michelle Morton, Kim Lopez

	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time Allotted
I.	Division Updates:		20 min
	ESL	Anniqua	
	English/Reading	0 1 1	
	Math	Salumeh Elizabeth	
	Counseling Other	Elizabeth	
	Other	Denise	
	ESL : students have had a lot of trouble with	Demse	
	prerequisites – students being mistakenly	Sandra	
	blocked. Should we get rid of them, especially for	Carla	
	non-transferable courses? Matriculation is a		
	problem (required orientations difficult for off-	Kim	
	campus students)		
	Transfer discipline parade Wed Oct. 26 8-		
	10:30am, 7:30-9:30pm. Basic skills invited. Will		
	be doing SEPs. Student groups: Bridging Hispanics Minds to		
	Success will be in foyer doing outreach and		
	selling food for a fundraiser (has to be prepared		
	in a approved kitchen). Any other clubs?		
	ESL/Math focused inquiry group going really		
	well. Working with students, Math faculty doing		
	presentations.		
	JC talked to SE about ESL students joining word		
	jam		
	New Pay Ahead Pay Ahead (starts Oct. 1):		
	impact on ESL students, financial aid in		
	progress, helping them navigate payment plan.		
	How can we help with the transition? What		
	about night students? What about students		

without credit cards?	
A&R will be trained to assist students. Huge	
change in culture & district policy because of	
large outstanding debt (7 million). Students need	
to 1) have paid or 2) applied for FAFSA, or they	
can have a payment plan (through Sallie Mae,	
costs \$20). If they're getting the BOG, their	
book/material fees won't be covered. They need	
a \$0 balance (or FAFSA or payment plan) on	
account by Jan. 4 or they will be dropped (will	
drop students every 24 hours until the first day	
of classes). If they apply for FAFSA and don't	
qualify, they won't be dropped but there will be a	
hold on their registration for Summer /Fall 2012.	
DeAnza tried this (dropped after 5 days if they	
don't pay) and they gave up on it because it	
caused so many problems and took up so much	
staff time.	
Late start classes (e.g. CBET) won't be impacted.	
They aren't dropping after first week.	
Plan Ahead Pay Ahead: start advertising now in	
every venue we have (Transfer Discipline Parade,	
Transfer Day, Career Fair)	
FAFSA Tuesdays	
Workshops in LC in October to help with FAFSA,	
BOG, and payment plans	
Can we do something particularly for students	
that aren't eligible for the FAFSA?	
Robert Hood is heading up marketing campaign	
English/Reading Word Jam had 18 students	
summer 2011 (almost no outreach; had all levels	
English and ESL). Mostly 826/836, got most out	
of it. Theme = college success. Read and wrote.	
Encouraged to retake test. Didn't have time for	
pre- and post. One student went for 826 to 100	
Honors (returning student). RS offered tutoring	
support for Winter. No funding for coordination,	
took lots of time (in addition to research and	
curriculum planning).	
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Math Math Jam happening Winter (January),	
application is online. Denise will be working on	
an alternative/accelerated Math class for fall. It	
will be transferrable (curriculum needs to be	
written and submitted for review). To prepare for	
statistics. Will have key elements from each	
level, but won't cover everything – it's a different	
course. We don't currently have a class that	
prepares students for statistics.	
Counseling Working on SEP campaign (starting	

	10/24?). If students get it in by 11/3 their registration date will be moved up. In Quad, at Transfer Discipline Parade, in classes. Kathy Sammut working with Anniqua & CIETL to offer an SEP workshop for faculty Tuesday Oct. 18 12:30-1:00 & Thursday Oct. 20 2:00-2:30 Leonor Cabrera will no longer be attending Basic Skills. We need someone to attend IPC and someone from Workforce Development: Kay ONeill Alison Field (Salumeh) Dani Bohonick (Elizabeth/Rita) Elsa Torres Should we have more admin people? Linda Hayes? Student: Basic Skills & ESL. Talk to mentors. Talk to Academic Senate about recruiting Basic Skills faculty members		
II.	Review of budget \$15,395 carry over + \$105,137 Total = \$120,532 Total fees for counseling = \$89,742 We need to put estimated funds into categories – they can be moved around later. Program/Curriculum Planning and Development, Student Assessment Advisement & Counseling Services Supplemental Instruction & Tutoring Articulation Instructional Materials & Equipment Coordination Research Professional Development	Carla	10 min
III.	BSI Coordinator Event- report back BSI coordinator meeting: Keep committee strong, open discussions, make decisions together as a committee. At some campuses administration has come in and taken over the budget. Coordination Models faculty release time Adjunct overload Counseling / Coordination Co-Coordination	Carla	10 min

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th Building 13- room 112 3:00-4:30