

Notes from the AtD Coaches' Visit

March 24, 2015 and March 25, 2015

The Achieving the Dream Core Team and other college personnel met with AtD coaches, Jan Lyddon and Calvin Woodland, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, and Wednesday, March 25, 2015, throughout the day in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present for all or some of the sessions were Michelle Lilly-Williams, Angela Davis, Suzann Culpepper, Beth Brown, Daa'Lyah Salaam, Troycia Webb, Debra Jones, Kim Lee, Shirley Armstrong, Mattie Buchannon, Lisa De Jesus, Joy Knighton, Emmett Griswold, Tomekia Cooper, Don Laye, Kristel Baranko, Calvin Lee, Drenda Davis-Jackson, Mary Richardson, and Rhonda Gordon.

The agenda on Tuesday included the following: Welcome/Introductions/Review of the Agenda, Coaches Opening Remarks, Updates, Dream Conference Reflection. Wednesday began with a meeting of the coaches with Dr. Anthony Parker. Topics of that day were Student Success Measures, Principle Assessment Analysis, Annual Reflection, Questions/Answers, and the AtD Coaches' Closing Feedback/Remarks.

Tuesday

Welcome

Michelle Lilly-Williams welcomed the coaches back to the college. The coaches asked those in attendance to think about "Where do we go next?" and "Should we continue in goals not seeing fruition?" Words of praise were spoken for the new Dream CEO, Kathy Stout, and for retiring Bill Trueheart. The overall purpose of the coaches' visit was to help the group reflect on the past and plan the future.

Updates

Drenda Davis-Jackson reviewed the progress on Priority One: Start Right. She distributed maps and other documents available to students for navigation. Calvin Lee shared the statistics on the Delayed Term, and the group once again discussed the need for a mandatory new student orientation.

Debra Jones provided an update on Priority Two, which included pass/fail/withdrawal rates for Gen. Ed. Courses, the redesign of the COMP 1000 course and development of COLL 1020, the new student success course in its first semester.

Shirley Armstrong expressed her appreciation to all Core Team members for their dedication and hard work.

Student Engagement and Community Engagement were the next topics tackled before the lunch break.

The Data Team reported after lunch with the Faculty Engagement presentation following. Don Laye and Kristel Baranko highlighted the Faculty Council and Professional Development Institute as two achievements of this committee.

Other ATC initiatives and/or Anticipated Projects are Priority Three (Retention and Completion), the Early Alert/TEAMS systems, and the Student Feedback Project.

Lilly-Williams, Armstrong, De Jesus, and Jones shared some of the ideas presented at the Dream Conference.

Wednesday

Student Success Measures

Principles Assessment Analysis

Annual Reflection

The group discussed the Annual Reflection and its contents and its due date of June 1. Lyddon reminded everyone of the upcoming Principles Assessment Survey to be completed in the near future.

One of the recommended goals including shooting for a 75% participation at student orientation and incorporating the new QEP in the goals. The group reviewed the new reflection report and discussed the Leader College Application guidelines.

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