

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

October 22, 2012

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met on Monday, October 22, 2012, in Room 125 of the Logistics Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Core Team members present were Shirley Armstrong, Calvin Lee, Wendy Howell, Elizabeth Deming, Debra Jones, Vicki Tucker, Don Laye, Emmett Griswold, and Tomekia Cooper. Mary Richardson, director of athletics and student activities, and Jonathan Johnson, videographer, and Tocarro Davis were also in attendance. The single item on the agenda was the student engagement event to be held during Fall Fest.

Ms. Deming introduced Johnson to the group, noting that he would be videoing the event. Howell will handle the Achieving the Dream Facebook details. Davis and Eric Etheridge will serve as masters of ceremony for the Finish Line Game. "Greatest barrier" cards will be collected at the ATD tent. Those participating in this survey will receive a lanyard. Students will be the players in the game, and Eddie Munns will be the referee. Cups and cubes will be given to the players.

Television monitors, student email, flyers, yard signs, and banners will be used to advertise Achieving the Dream. A reprint of the first newsletter was considered as another way to further enlighten the students about the initiative. Faculty will introduce ATD to their students and bring them to watch the Finish Line Game. Volunteers are ready to work in the tent, and T-shirts have been ordered. The lineup of events was discussed. Davis will follow up on the Monroe High Band participation and other details. She said the kickoff should last a total of 10-15 minutes.

Howell mentioned that community involvement would be another step of engagement. Armstrong reviewed all of the details outlined in the morning session. Then Tucker gave a Data Team update, saying the Center for Applied Research team visited in October and the ATD data coach will be on campus December 3 and 4. In the meantime, Core Team members should be considering what they see as the top three or four issues facing Albany Tech's students.

The meeting adjourned.