

## **Minutes for the ATD Meeting**

October 6, 2014

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, October 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Michelle Lilly-Williams, Joy Knighton, Troycia Webb, Debra Jones, Beth Brown, Emmett Griswold, Dr. Shirley Armstrong, and Rhonda Gordon.

### **I. Welcome**

Dr. Armstrong brought the meeting to order and welcomed a new Core Team member, Rhonda Gordon, who will represent the ATC Board of Directors.

### **II. Minutes**

Everyone was given a brief period to review the minutes of the last meeting. Then a motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Lilly-Williams and seconded by Webb. All voted in favor of approval.

### **III. Old Business**

Dr. Armstrong recapped the Lincoln Letter feedback. In the area of Student Engagement, Jones suggested an Achieving the Dream booth at the next Spring Fling for students to sign completion commitment cards. Publicity methods such as giveaways, lawn signs and banners were discussed, and Jones is to follow up with the Public Relations Department and Student Activities director for possible funding for the project. Jones also recommended short email blasts to the students. Positive messages about earning potential with a college education and announcements of the free tutoring services available in the Academic Achievement Center were examples of ways to constantly offer encouragement to the students through their email. For the next faculty update, Dr. Armstrong said excerpts from the Lincoln Letters could be the content.

The coaches' visit set for December 11-12 was the next topic of discussion. All were urged to have evaluation strategies in place before the coaches' arrival. Dr. Armstrong announced that references are being checked for a prospective data analyst. Hopefully data analysis needed to evaluate the effectiveness of Priority One and Two will be forthcoming.

### **IV. New Business**

Two sets of dates for the coaches' visit in the spring were given. Because one falls on Spring Break, the group decided on March 23-27.

Jones provided an update on COMP 1000, remarking that a new book and new program were introduced fall semester, so data will be analyzed for evidence of improved pass rates at the end of the semester. She also summarized the content of the proposed

alternative to COMP 1000, the Student Success Seminar, to be introduced spring semester. This course will include sessions on information access, academic strategies, financial literacy, career exploration, civic engagement and the completion of a personal success plan.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

Earlier discussions in the meeting covered student engagement, the Data Core Team, and faculty engagement. There was no community engagement report. The next AtD Core Team meeting will be Monday, October 20.

Debra Jones,  
Recorder