

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

October 7, 2013

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, October 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Shirley Armstrong, Virginia Parker, Aamir Greene, Troycia Webb, Michelle Lily Williams, Don Laye, Mendi Warren, Wendy Howell, Emmett Griswold, Angela Davis, Regina Watts, Kim Lee, Kristel Baranko, Joy Knighton, and Debra Jones.

Ms. Armstrong welcomed everyone, and the minutes were approved as presented.

The group first focused on COMP 1000. Laye said COMP 1000 will be the target for the next focus group to be held this semester. Warren provided some disaggregated data for the course in regard to race and age. She was asked to compare the pass/fail rates for online and hybrid sections. Smarter Measures offered by GVTC could be used as a screening mechanism for COMP 1000. A subcommittee on this course will be chaired by Webb.

Ms. Armstrong expressed a need for another Core Team leader. Lily-Williams was suggested for this responsibility and graciously accepted.

Watts provided an update on Right Start. She said the Student Services Division completed a day and a half of training to implement improvements identified through AtD. Ms. Gladden is in place in the Kirkland Building welcome station and should make a difference in directing incoming students. The group looked at the amended flowchart for admissions and financial aid.

New business was the upcoming Coaches' Visit. Davis requested a session on focus group questions during the subcommittee meeting time.

The Data Team has not held a meeting recently and hope the meeting with the AtD data coach will be helpful.

The first WOW (Wisdom on Wednesdays) session was announced. These informal gatherings are designed to foster faculty dialogue about subjects of interest.

In the area of community engagement, Watts spoke of an event for employers organized by Ms. Jimmerson at which AtD will be one of the topics.

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 is the tentative date for the next joint Advisory Committee meeting to focus on AtD. Howell announced the media event, Caravan of Commissioners, with two days of it in our region. The Chamber of Commerce will be instrumental in its organization, and the target date is spring 2014. Laye commented on the success of the Firemen's State Meeting in Albany with 300 plus in attendance and how the city will be considered to host future events. Howell informed everyone that the second edition of the

AtD newsletter is ready. Board chair, Virginia Parker, remarked that she was “happy to be here,” and Armstrong noted that AtD should become a standard agenda item for future board meetings.

With no further business, Ms. Armstrong adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Jones