

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

October 9, 2012

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met on Thursday, October 9, 2012, in Room 125 of the Logistics Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Those present were Shirley Armstrong, Regina Watts, Elizabeth Deming, Debra Jones, Joy Knighton, Angela Davis, Don Laye, Emmett Griswold, Lisa De Jesus, and Virginia Parker.

The agenda for the meeting included the following items: I. Welcome, II. Debriefing of Kickoff Events (commendations and concerns), III. Evaluation of Site Visit (recommendations and forthcoming strategies), IV. Committee Reports (Student Affairs, Community Affairs, Data Core Team).

Ms. Armstrong called the meeting to order and apologized for the late start. Comments from the ATD coaches were distributed, and words of appreciation were offered to all for participation in the successful kickoff events. "Awesome, I can't thank you enough," were Ms. Armstrong's words. She then talked about the need for maintaining the momentum and continuing to engage the faculty. It was announced that the kickoff video was ready for viewing. The next newsletter's content and publication date were discussed. The upcoming Fall Fest on October 25 was mentioned as an ideal way to initiate student engagement. Banners and yard signs will be ordered to advertise Achieving the Dream at the event. Ms. De Jesus will meet with Ms. Mary Richardson to discuss the possibility of ATD being incorporated into the festivities with giveaways for the students and a reenactment of the Finish Line Game.

Other items considered were the analysis of data for the COMP 1000 courses and the formation of a subcommittee on policies and practices to be headed by Elaine Mercer.

The date for the next meeting is dependent on the Fall Fest needs. Ms. Parker offered closing comments, urging Core Team members to be supportive of each other and consistent in our ATD message. The meeting adjourned.