

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

December 17, 2012

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met on Monday, December 17, 2012, in Room 125 of the Logistics Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Core Team members present were Shirley Armstrong, Regina Watts, Lisa DeJesus, Wendy Howell, Katina Bell, Vicki Tucker, Don Laye, Emmett Griswold, Angela Davis, Virginia Parker and Krystal Baranko.

The agenda for the meeting included the following items: I. Welcome, II. Debriefing of Data Coach Visit (concerns and “Where Do We Go from Here”), III. Recommendations for Strategic Items to Evaluate (recommendations and forthcoming strategies), IV. Committee Reports (Student Affairs, Community Affairs, and Data Core Team).

Ms. Armstrong recapped on the Data Coach’s visit and the idea behind focus groups and who should make up each focus group. She asked about the data and what cohort data will we initially look at. Vicki informed her that we would be going back and looking at Fall 2010 “new, first-time” students. Vicki informed the group that although we do not have our data back from CFAR, we do have enough in-house to get us started, which will be coming from Banner. Once we do receive our data from CFAR that is what will be submitted to ATD and every Fall semester of new, first-time students, thereafter.

Ms. Armstrong wants to be sure the group is keeping on track with the established Work Plan. She posed a question as to what we are going to measure and our expected outcomes as it relates to the five top priority issues that the group identified. There was much discussion on once the focus groups are identified, based on the priority issues, there will be “spin off” issues that students may bring to the forefront. We must really listen to what our students tell us. Ms. Armstrong wanted to be sure that staff development will be a strategy in addressing the five top priorities. On a side note, Ms. Armstrong talked about her SACS visit and a workshop she attended that talked about predictions of students succeeding and various factors that are barriers.

Emmett asked the group, what is the next big task for the Core Tea? Ms. Armstrong indicated that we need to engage the students more. Virginia Parker suggested that the group put a lot of time and effort into student engagement, ensuring the stay well informed that ATD is for their success. Vicki felt that these focus groups will also engage students from across all lines (race, age, gender, etc.). Lisa added that we may need some data in order to determine what groups of students are selected to participate in these focus groups, while keeping in order with the training we received from the Data Coach.

Regina asked for clarity on the Community Engagement to ensure that subcommittee is on track for when they make their approach. She wants to be sure that when they are speaking with the community, whether it's Ms. Steele at the High Schools, Judy with the businesses or whomever, that everyone is saying the same thing. Lisa made mention of the group looking back at the script the Data Coach gave and ensuring the wording is all the same. Ms. Armstrong reminded the group that the next Advisory Committee meeting, which will be held in the spring, will be combined with all program areas. This will be the opportunity to brief the Advisory Committee members of ATD.

Ms. Armstrong suggested that at the Staff Development in January that we refresh faculty's minds about ATD. The next scheduled meeting will be January 14th at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned.