

## Minutes for the ATD Meeting

December 2, 2013

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, December 2, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Shirley Armstrong, Emmett Griswold, Drenda Davis-Jackson, Don Laye, Calvin Lee, Mendi Warren, Debra Jones, Angela Davis, Joy Knighton, Lisa De Jesus, Troycia Webb, Regina Watts, and Beth Brown.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows: I. Welcome, II. Minutes Approval, III. Old Business, IV. New Business, V. Committee Reports, VI. Dismissal.

Armstrong welcomed everyone and said she hoped it was an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. After a few moments to read over the minutes, Regina Watts made the motion to accept them as presented with a second by Joy Knighton. The motion passed.

Under Old Business, the topics were COMP 1000 and Dream Conference updates. Webb provided a report from the COMP 1000 Subcommittee. Members met to review the data and determined the main issue was withdrawals. The IT Lab course design was evaluated by Webb and Elaine Mercer. Three CRN's of COMP 1000 will serve as pilots for spring semester. Interventions will include a course redesign with Angel for content delivery, pre-skills assessments in Smarter Measures, concentrated tracking of the students, and greater interaction by instructors throughout the semester. In regard to the Dream Conference, Armstrong noted that registration for those attending was near completion. The college's "Birds of a Feather" topic has been submitted, and we await approval of it. The video featuring Aamir Greene would be entered in a competition, and the one chosen would be presented at the Dream Conference. Status on participation is undecided, based on the availability of Greene and Wendy Howell.

New Business was an update on strategies. Davis-Jackson reported that edits to the Start Right Student Success Map have been made. Because of web design requirements, the online version will be delayed. Armstrong asked, "How can the impact of the Start Right intervention be measured?" Davis-Jackson, De Jesus, and Lee suggested various approaches. Armstrong encouraged a focus on only new students and not attempt to also track readmits and current students spring semester.

Under committee reports, De Jesus did not have one for Student Engagement. Watts highlighted the upcoming activities for Community Engagement: Advisory Committee Meeting spring semester, dual enrolled student success in online vs. traditional classes, and possible workshops on money management and credit. There has been no Faculty Engagement meeting, and Laye reminded everyone of the next WOW (Wisdom on Wednesdays) set for December 11 at 12:30. He also suggested focusing on specific faculty for engagement. In response, Webb said Mercer is working on a training session for all COMP 1000 instructors, which should include adjuncts teaching the course. Armstrong urged

everyone to come up with other activities for student and faculty engagement and to be ready to discuss them at the next meeting.

Due to the upcoming Christmas break, the next AtD Core Team meeting will be delayed until January 13. With no further business, Armstrong adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Jones