

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

March 25, 2013

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, March 25, in Room 125 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Vicki Tucker, Debra Jones, Angela Davis, Lisa De Jesus, Regina Watts, Mendi Warren, Don Laye, Beth Brown, Katina Bell, Virginia Parker, Calvin Lee, Shirley Armstrong, Tomekia Cooper, Wendy Howell, Emmett Griswold, and Aamir Greene.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows: (I) Welcome, (II) Minutes, (III) Commendations for Community Engagement Kickoff – recommendations and forthcoming strategies, (IV) Implementation Plan Discussions – priorities (update and summary) for Gateway Courses and Right Start, (V) Summary.

Ms. Armstrong welcomed everyone and asked if all had read the minutes from the March 6 and 7 meetings. There was one correction. Beth Davis, not Beth Brown, is serving on the Right Start committee.

Ms. Watts reported on the Community Engagement Kickoff and said response cards were completed by many in attendance. Focus groups will be formed based on these responses. A meeting is planned to look at this data. Ms. Armstrong praised organizers for the highly successful event and noted her only regret was that there were not more community leaders in the form of elected officials present. Attempts will be made to target this group later.

To begin the Implementation Plan discussion, four documents were distributed: Implementation Proposal Template, Implementation Proposal Instructions, Implementation Proposal Example, and Implementation Proposal Supplemental Intervention Example. Ms. Tucker announced an April 18 deadline for submission of the Implementation Plan, but asked that ours be completed before strategic planning on April 15. The group decided Right Start would be Priority One and Gateway Courses (including Learning Support Reading, ENGL 1010, MATH 1012, and COMP 1000) Priority Two. Ms. Armstrong stressed the need for quantified and qualified data. Elaine Mercer will chair the Right Start committee while Angela Davis will lead the one on Gateway Courses.

Everyone was reminded to complete the faculty surveys if contacted. The student version of the CCSSE will be administered after spring break, and help will be needed to accomplish this task. Those present were urged to contact Mendi Warren with the names of those who can assist.

Ms. De Jesus and Mr. Laye handed out copies of the focus group results on deadlines and advisement.

The next meeting was tentatively set for April 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Jones