

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

July 14, 2014

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, July 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Michelle Lilly-Williams, Drenda Jackson, Dr. Shirley Armstrong, Angela Davis, Don Laye, Beth Brown, Debra Jones, Kristel Baranko, and Joy Knighton.

Michelle Lilly-Williams brought the meeting to order and asked if the minutes had been reviewed. Don Laye made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Beth Brown seconded it. The motion passed.

Ms. Williams said she had a conversation with the coaches and was told to be on the look-out for the Lincoln Letter, which should arrive during summer semester. She encouraged those present to check out the TCSG AtD data that will help us move the needle. Dr. Lyddon also brought up evaluations, stressing the need to continuously evaluate initiatives. Documentation must support our findings. Dr. Armstrong commented that the Lincoln Letter may give us future focus and foster changes in the initiatives. She, too, emphasized the importance of data in making informed decisions.

Don Laye reported for the Faculty Engagement Committee. He presented the definition of Faculty Engagement that the committee agreed upon for the Core Team approval. The vote was unanimous to approve. Kristel Baranko announced that Shea Dancer is willing to administer the AtD blog. September 1 is the start-up target date for the blog. It was suggested that Ms. Dancer be added to the AtD Core Team.

Beth Brown noted that staff doesn't have an engagement voice. She and Carla Jester are working on activities to engage staff, perhaps one Friday per month. Brown will discuss with Dr. De Jesus in order to move forward.

Those present were encouraged to take advantage of webinars on line. Ms. Baranko shared copies of the next Faculty Engagement Survey to be administered. The link for completing the survey by July 25 will come through the deans.

Drenda Davis-Jackson highlighted the progress in the Start-Right initiative. Banner will be used to track use of the Start-Right Desk this fall and be compared to last fall. Grades First/Banner training is under discussion.

AtD updates will go out this week to the faculty and students. The faculty will receive the definition of faculty engagement and information about the upcoming survey and blog. Beth Brown will follow up on staff development with Dr. De Jesus.

Ms. Williams announced the date for the next AtD Core Team meeting to be held on July 28. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Debra Jones, Recorder