

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

August 26, 2013

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, August 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Dr. Kim Lee, Debra Jones, Angela Davis, Beth Brown, Troycia Webb, Michelle Lily, Joy Knighton, Lisa De Jesus, Shirley Armstrong, Mendi Warren, and Emmett Griswold.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows: (I) Welcome, (II) Minutes, (III) Old Business – COMP 1000 Report and Right Start, (IV) New Business – CCSSE Report (V) Subcommittee Reports (VI) Adjournment.

Ms. Armstrong welcomed everyone, and the minutes were approved as presented.

The group began by looking at the data for COMP 1000. A 45% failure rate was noted for spring semester. High withdrawal rates were also discussed.

Davis talked about the revival of focus groups, with two sessions per term, one near the ten day count, and one close to the end of the semester. All Gateway courses could benefit from the focus groups. Ms. Armstrong suggested working with the Faculty Engagement Committee to determine students for the focus groups. There is a need for an online survey in regard to COMP 1000. Beth Brown will research online for an existing instrument. Dr. Lee offered comments about the validity of such an instrument. The Early Alert referral forms are being used and should be done so with increased frequency.

Ms. Armstrong asked for suggestions for the upcoming Staff Development sessions. Some feel the Early Alert referrals might be one area of focus. A report will be coming from the Faculty Engagement Committee, which may reveal other needs. Ms. Baranko has the scripts ready for recording the revisits with the ATD game players. As part of the Right Start initiative, progress is underway with the Welcome Center. The furniture, phone, and computer are on order.

The group took a preliminary look at the CCSSE Report distributed at the meeting, discussed how the college scored overall, and pointed out room for improvement. Jones shared the pass/fail rates for students in the 500 sections of Gen. Ed courses w/Learning Support embedded. These initial, unofficial findings are promising. She said Mendi Warren will provide a complete data analysis.

Ms. Armstrong announced Monday, September 23, 2013, as the date for the next Core Team meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Jones