

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

September 17, 2012

An Achieving the Dream Core Team meeting was held Monday, September 17, 2012, in Room 125 of the Logistics Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Those present were Shirley Armstrong, Regina Watts, Elizabeth Deming, Tomekia Cooper, Debra Jones, Joy Knighton, Angela Davis, Don Laye, Emmett Griswold, Kristal Baranko, Brittany LaVant, a student representative, and Scott Boyd, technical support for the meeting.

The focus of the meeting was the Achieving the Dream Kickoff. Items on the agenda were as follows: welcome, minutes, old business – subcommittee updates, and new business – AtD coaches' visit.

Armstrong welcomed the student representative, Brittany LaVant, to the Core Team and announced that Brynn Robicheaux will also be going the group for future meetings. Wendy Howell distributed copies of Achieve's first issue. All commented on how great the AtD newsletter looked. Ms. Armstrong then offered thanks to everyone who has worked on the kickoff.

Next the group viewed the video made by the Faculty Engagement Team headed by Don Laye and Joy Knighton. There was high praise for the quality and content of the video, which will be shown at the first kickoff event Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Discussion centered on the impact of the video on faculty and staff. Ms. Armstrong called it a snapshot of the future and commented that the AtD initiative may foster policy changes at the college.

Using the minutes from the September 14 meeting as a guide, the group then covered the old business and reviewed final details of the kickoff activities. All events will be held in the Kirkland Building.

Faculty and staff will meet at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 17. The giveaways will be switched to stadium cups because the stress "CUBES" have not arrived. Angela Davis is in charge of distribution. Administrative assistants for Academic Affairs will be at the door to pass out copies of the newsletter. Ms. Armstrong will introduce the AtD initiative, using a PowerPoint presentation, and recognize Core Team members, who will acknowledge their respective subcommittee members. Calvin Lee will introduce the video. After the showing, Griswold will lead a question-answer follow-up.

Upon entering, those attending will receive a program for the meeting on Tuesday. The first activity is the You Tube ATD video. Don Laye will introduce the speaker, Kenneth Cutts.

Following his remarks about equity, Laye will present him a gift of appreciation from the college. In the absence of Shirley Armstrong, either Dr. Parker or Virginia Parker will offer closing remarks. The Finish Line Game will be set up afterwards.

Wednesday will feature the Monroe High School Band and a pep rally led by ATC faculty cheerleaders. Ms. Cooper handed out the agenda for the pep rally. Rehearsal of the Finish Line Game is scheduled for after pep rally.

The big events for Thursday are the Tailgate Party and Finish Line Game. The stress CUBES will be tossed out by cheerleaders during the game. Baranko reported that everything is ready for the meal and the game.

Howell announced that media/community representatives have been invited to attend on Tuesday and Thursday, helping to facilitate broad engagement.

In the area of new business, Armstrong reminded the group that the Data Coach, Jan Liddon, and Leadership Coach, Calvin Woodland, will be present for Thursday's festivities. They will arrive on campus at 9:00 a.m. and be welcomed by senior staff in the Executive Boardroom. A tour of the campus is next from 9:30-11:30. At the Tailgate Party and Finish Line Game, they will be introduced to the faculty and staff. From 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, the coaches will meet with the Core Team. On Friday from 9:00-11:00 a.m., they will work with the Data Team and during lunch have an exit interview with Dr. Parker.

The meeting was adjourned.