

## **Minutes for the ATD Meeting**

September 22, 2014

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, September 22, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Michelle Lilly-Williams, Kristel Baranko, Joy Knighton, Debra Jones, Kim Lee, Troycia Webb, Drenda Davis-Jackson, Regina Watts, and Angela Davis.

### **I. Review of Minutes**

Ms. Williams brought the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes. Ms. Knighton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Ms. Baranko seconded it. The motion passed.

### **II. The “Lincoln Letter” Feedback**

Mrs. Williams summarized the content of the “Lincoln Letter.” It addressed the five principles of AtD: committed leadership, use of evidence, broad engagement, equity, and systemic institutional improvement. Under committed leadership, the letter noted the need to nurture new members. The Dream Report was praised as was the use of TCSG data. The letter stressed the importance of rigorous evaluation plans to monitor progress and the effectiveness of interventions. Board of Directors Chair Virginia Parker and the SGA president were commended for their participation on the AtD Core Team. The college was applauded for its community outreach and encouraged to publish in the AtD Intervention Showcase.

### **III. ATD Coaches’ Visit**

Ms. Williams announced the dates for the coaches’ visit. They will be on campus December 11-12.

### **IV. Evaluation Plans**

Ms. Williams discussed the need to complete evaluation plans before the coaches’ visit.

### **V. Committee Updates**

Ms. Davis-Jackson updated the Core Team on the implementation of the first Delayed Term. Calvin Lee, the Student Navigator, registered twenty-three students for this term and provided an orientation before classes began. The data has been extracted, showing 11,000 visits to the Start Right Desk. These statistics will be analyzed.

In regard to Community Engagement, Ms. Watts talked about Strive to Thrive, a post-secondary certificate program for students with disabilities, and the monetary support for GED testing from local churches, which came out of attendance at the Faith-Based Luncheon.

Ms. Baranko of the Faculty Engagement Committee previewed the activities planned for Faculty Development Days, September 25-26. She expects the new format to be a success.

Dr. Lee of the Data Team focused on the upcoming interviews for a research analyst and the submission deadlines for AtD and Complete College Georgia data. Ms. Williams initiated a discussion about students under-prepared for their math classes and program courses. Dr. Lee suggested Staff Development sessions to address the problem. Better advisement and intervention in the Academic Achievement Center may also help.

#### **VI. Reminders**

Mrs. Williams informed the Core Team about upcoming events of interest: Dream Workshop Proposals due September 22, Emerging Ideas Exchange Deadline on November 7, and the Community College Conference on Learning Assessment on February 22-24, 2015, in Orlando.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting for the AtD Core Team is October 6. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Debra Jones,  
Recorder