

Minutes for the ATD Meeting

September 8, 2014

The Achieving the Dream Core Team met Monday, September 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 124 of the Logistics Center. Those present were Michelle Lilly-Williams, Regina Watts, Emmett Griswold, Troycia Webb, Dr. Shirley Armstrong, Angela Davis, Don Laye, Dr. Mary Richardson, Drenda Davis-Jackson, Dr. Kim Lee, Tomekia Cooper and Wendy Howell.

I. Review of Minutes

Michelle Lilly-Williams brought the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes. Tomekia Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Don Laye seconded it. The motion passed.

II. Revisit of ATD Blog Initiative

Mrs. Williams asked the Team to revisit their thoughts on the Blog Initiative. Mrs. Watts noted Mrs. Howell's previous comments about the limited use and interaction of the AtD blog. Mrs. Williams reiterated the purpose of the blog would be to allow faculty and staff the option of voicing their concerns and offering feedback as it relates to ATD initiatives. She asked the Core Team to make a decision on implementation of a blog. Dr. De Jesus reflected on the student engagement reactivation to get more involved and suggested the present time might not be conducive for launching a blog. Ms. Cooper noted a blog would prove beneficial but not on a continuous basis. She recommended it be during certain times within the semester. Dr. Armstrong echoed Dr. De Jesus' recommendation, feeling more energy should be directed to the quarterly newsletter by providing content to Ms. Howell instead of rolling out another social media initiative. Mrs. Williams called for a vote on the blog. The vote stood two (2) in favor and nine (9) opposed. The idea of a blog will be revisited at a later time.

III. ATD Coaches' Visitation

Mrs. Williams informed the Team that the PBI grant has made its last installment on the ATD membership but wants to continue keeping the focus of "student success" at the forefront of all initiatives. Dr. Armstrong noted that the College will assume the financial responsibility moving forward. Mrs. Lilly informed the Team that the AtD coaches will be visiting before the year ends with tentative dates of October 30-31 and December 2-5. Mrs. Williams asked the Team to review their calendars and let her know if these dates are accommodating or if alternative dates need to be given to the coaches. She requested feedback by COB Tuesday. She proposed alternative dates to send to the coaches which are October 20-21 or November 6-7. Once she receives feedback, she will make contact with the coaches.

IV. ATD Internal Tracking

Mrs. Williams discussed the need to be prepared with our data and evaluation plan during the coaches' visit. She provided a model tracking sheet which leader colleges are using. She suggested there be a central location for input and export of data as it relates to our identified initiatives. Mrs. Williams' concern is that although we have the data, not everyone has access to various internal sources to view and analyze the data. Although the template is being used by leader colleges, Mrs. Williams suggested it may be of use to the data team. Dr. De Jesus noted that Priority One (Start Right) began tracking students visiting the "Start Right" desk in spring 2014. She anticipates the data will help determine which students matriculated through the process actually became a student and for those that didn't, what strategies can be implemented to determine why those students did not complete the process. Additionally, this initiative will have its first delayed term fall 2014 but won't have data until spring 2015.

Mrs. Williams asked the team to decide on the best mechanism for tracking data and if the template would prove beneficial. Dr. Richardson noted data objectives must be established in order to populate a spreadsheet. Mrs. Williams asked if by mid-September the Team could begin capturing data from all sources (KMS, Banner, ATD reports, etc.) in order to have one centralized location for extraction and to have something in place for when the coaches come.

V. Committee Updates

Don Laye reported the faculty engagement committee has been working diligently on the upcoming faculty development September 25-26. This event will take a new approach in that it will be formatted much like a conference/seminar where there will be break-out sessions with external facilitator and speakers. Dr. Armstrong commended this team for thinking outside the box and for the concept being totally faculty driven.

Regina Watts mentioned that the college is partnering with the Georgia Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium (GAIPSEC), Dougherty County, Terrell County school systems, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency & Aspire to implement an Inclusive Postsecondary Education Program for students with intellectual developmental disabilities. Another partnership is with Terrell County to create a Partnering by way of Outreach for Parent & Student Success (POPS) program. There is currently 111 Terrell county students who are enrolled at ATC. The POPS project will focus on the parents of these 111 students. The goal is to create a path for furthering these parents' educational endeavors.

Mrs. Davis-Jackson spoke about the Career Performance Learning Center (CPLC) where high school students are behind on their credits needed to graduate. There are currently 10 students enrolled in the CPLC and attending Albany Tech. For those who did not test program ready, they are attending the Academic Achievement Center.

VI. Updates

Mrs. Williams informed the team of an upcoming Technology Solutions Webinar Series hosted by ATD on September 17 from 12:30 – 1:15.

VII. Reminders

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Angela Davis,
Recorder