

BASIC SKILLS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 06, 2008

2:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mardjan Shokoufi Lianna Zhao Bruce Seivertson
Kathy Berry Kathleen Dorantes David Zielinski

ABSENT

VISITORS

RECORDER

Linda Amidon

1. Self-assessment-planning

2. Update on Basic Skills Coordinator position

Bruce discussed the position at the Academic Senate meeting. Need Suzanne to respond, if no response.

3. Auto Tech Update

Jose went to their meeting. Each course would require thirty-six hours of lab. Need to develop new course. It would be similar to English 51 but with some modifications. Adding a new course would cost approximately four-five thousand dollars. Besides adding the class, they would still need tutors. If AUT textbooks are not used, English 51 will not be needed.

- a. Learning Community
 Auto tech 75 (basic)
 Autotech 125 (brakes)
 Auto Tech 155 (transmissions)
 --All three paired in a learning community with a section of Engl. 51
 Text book (Jose L.), workshops specifically for auto tech, computer-Jose brought books for Kathleen's review. Kathleen described the books briefly.
- b. Prerequisite – discussion
- c. other ideas?

Kathy stated that they had a tutor to work with AUT students. She added that the tutor was being paid with UTEA money. Kathy will discuss with Gonzalo his plans for meeting targets for UTEA fund. Dave stated that the range of English for AUT students is widespread. Currently the range is from 73 to 101. Norma stated that she checked other colleges and found Basic Skills courses as advisories not prerequisites. Mardjan added that English used to be intense.

Kathy will discuss with Gonzalo and ask him to attend our meetings.

4. Other Learning communities

-Eng. 101 and Geography 108

-ESL grammar and conversation?

-Math 40 and Math 70 (done) -Mardjan stated that she is concerned with the linking of math classes.

-Eng. 100 and Eng. 89

-Eng. 98 and Eng. 88 and Learning 800 (pod)/Eng. 51-Kathleen stated that the focus is on English 98 and 88, linking English 51 with English 98 and 88. Dave added that no one wants to teach English 98. Kathleen stated that she will email Ed to ask which courses to link.

5. ESL Concerns – (Ed)

6. Other

Dave stated that he thought self-assessment was being looked at in order to adjust proposals. He asked about staff development and added that it used to engage interest. Mardjan stated that the next step following self-assessment is staff development. She added that item 2d (self-assessment) is due in July.

Kathy noted that as plans are made, we need to think about staff development. She suggested bringing consultants to the college or send a group who could then train others.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.