# BASIC SKILLS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 28th, 2008

### **PRESENT**

David ZielinskiKathleen DorantesNorma NunezFrank RappBruce SeivertsonMardjan Shokoufi

Jose Velasquez Lianna Zhao

## **ABSENT**

### **VISITORS**

## RECORDER

Linda Amidon

The committee discussed an article, which was on a twenty-six page study on incentives for reading. Bruce was curious if anyone has offered any incentives. David asked if there is a meaningful way to address. He went on to state that the English division focus on assessment tools, collect data. He believes it is a more meaningful way to address the issue. He will share the new article with Deirdre Rowley, the new reading facilitator. Mardjan stated what works in High School doesn't always works in Colleges because of the different population. She feels incentives will not work for that reason.

David stated that he and Dr. Ying are working on the Technology Plan, using ICOE's plan. He added that it's not all applicable.

The committee went on to discuss the list of attendees for the June 9 thru  $10^{th}$  Basic Skills Regional meetings. Bruce was concern that only English representatives would attend. Lianna stated that she tried to convince Eric Lehtonen to attend. Eric was initially going with Bruce on June  $3^{rd}$ - $4^{th}$ .

The math lab instructor was discussed. Mardjan notified the committee that they are interviewing one candidate tomorrow. She said if the candidate does not get selected, they will re-advertise and recruit in the fall.

It was discussed that during a counseling meeting, the campus map was reviewed and it was noticed that the math lab was not included. They were informed that it would be moved north of the north parking lot. Bruce stated that students will attend lab regardless of the location. David suggested that Bruce, as BSI Coordinator, shared concerns regarding building plans.

David discussed last fall's Basic Skills proposals:

>Proposed liaison between Imperial Valley College and SDSU-Imperial Valley campus.

>SDSU- Imperial Valley campus is concern about former IVC students who failed the writing placement. IVC is near the bottom

>Norma prepared report

>How to help students succeed and transition from High School to a two year and then to SDSU

>How everyone could be in this together

>Curriculum in High School is literature based

>Group reaching understanding of expectations for college students

>Cal-PASS started at Grossmont in 2006 (data is available for sharing)

>More meaningful decisions can be made with data regarding Basic Skills

Mardjan asked if the process is similar or if a parallel group could be developed for math. David stated they want to focus on composition.

"The San Diego project", community reading entering to read "3 Cups of Tea"; They are trying to do the same thing in Imperial Valley to correspond with the Auhor's visit to SDSI-Imperial Valley campus. Bruce asked how many college students who received an A in their classes are.

Dave stated having a lot of intuitions about what students need, but needs the data to enforce. He said he can get the data from Cal-PASS.

It was mentioned that Dawn Chun is back as Instructional Researcher.

No meeting will be held this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm