

Learning Lab/SACC Department Meeting

March 15, 2012

Room B1-28 @ 2 pm

In attendance: Dr. Michelle Myers (Chair), Edward Adolphus, Gail Ghaskes, Megan Fuller, Jay Howard, Lilla Hudoba, Henry May, Diane McManus, Joan Monroe, John Nace, John Pinto, Garvin Poole, Judy Reitzes, Otis Stevens, Julieta Thomas-Johnson, Ted Wong, Mary Yannuzzi

I. Welcome, Announcements and Reports:

Budget: Judy Gay, VP of Academic Affairs has requested each dean to reduce the budget by at least 1 million dollars. For the next fiscal year Dean Bush will be operating on a 6 -10% departmental budget cut which could affect part-time employees. Dr. Myers stressed that everything must be documented to justify need. Looking toward the fall semester, the Bonnell Building will close on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Since students will not have the service of SACC or the Library available to them, we must begin educating students now of options such as location and schedules for regional campuses which will be open.

ESL LLab Classes: T. Wong reported that Students' attendance in the lab classes was positively correlated with frequency of passing the English class. That correlation is sizable and highly significant. Also, courses with no attached lab class have a lower pass rate, compared with courses with a lab class, by ten percentage points. Overall, there is good evidence that for students who make use of them, the lab classes do improve their chances of succeeding in the attached English courses.

Tutoring: M. Fuller distributed a detailed graph which showed for fall 2011 of the 88.6% of non-tutored students 54% passed and of 11.4% of tutored students 67.1% passed. Students show a 10% increase in the chance of passing when tutored.

Update of Science VL: Two candidates have been recommended to Joan Bush and Judy Gay.

Advising Workshops: Faculty members are encouraged to check emails for upcoming workshops for Academic Advising.

Middle States Subgroups: If you are part of a subgroup, please be in touch with Dr. Myers.

Academic Master Plan: The Stage I timeline has been pushed back to summer/fall 2012.

Resource 25 and Standardized time blocks for classes: A new scheduling room management for classes will be in effect for fall 2012. There will be standardized time-block for classes.

New ID Scanner and Regional Center Report: A new ID scanner has been placed in the NERC. The WERC Learning Commons is now operating. M. Myers is looking into additional hours for SACC staffing during hours of operation to provide service to our students. A Learning Commons Committee has been formed and is meeting to exchange ideas on the operating procedure of the Learning Commons at all sites.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for Department Meeting held on 2/9/12.

III. Main Business/ Assessment Proposal ---Update and New Task

All Chairs were asked to meet with their subgroups to develop a timeline for implementation. In addition explanation and clarification of quantifying data should be provided with priority given to areas identified in the overall Assessment Proposal. All groups were asked to consider what the sell is, and be able to answer why Dean Bush should approve areas/proposals. All group chairs should report new tasks at next Department Meeting (4/19/12. J. Monroe recommended following the format given by ESS.

IV. Our next Department Meeting is schedule for 4/19/12 (S. Weedor , Minutes).

V. Union (Contract Update). Judy Reitzes reported that all bargaining units are working without a contract. All union members have been advised not to participate in any committees. Please check emails for upcoming bargaining unit meetings.

Respectfully submitted
J.Thomas-Johnson