

Achieving the Dream Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016 | SSC 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mark Deitrick, Jessica Diehl, Hope Gossard, Brian Hayden, John Higgs, Sarajane Hill, Beth Jansto, Jan Kaminski, Walter Lukhaup, Sandy May, Aaron Meyerl, Shelly Moore, Don Sedlacek, Mary Jo Slater, and Lauren Susan

The meeting was co-chaired by Jessica Diehl, Jan Kaminski and Don Sedlacek.

Jan Kaminski requested the minutes from our last meeting be reviewed for accuracy; Beth Jansto suggested revisions and a grammatical update will be made prior to posting to the IEC webpage.

Jessica Diehl presented preliminary data with regard to the average Fall semester GPA of First Time CCBC students (FTITI) who were identified as having attended New Student Orientation (NSO) in the Fall 2015. The average GPA for those who attended NSO was shown to be higher by a margin of 1.5 grade points than that of non-attendees. These figures were presented as raw data and will require additional work to ensure proper populations are being measured.

Due to the achievement gap identified with regard to NSO, the team was asked if they wished to pursue the idea of an initiative to get orientating activities and/or information more accessible for all students. The team agreed that this is a worthwhile endeavor.

Next, Jan asked members to voluntarily choose whether they wished to serve on the Core or Data team. The ATD team member breakdown is as follows:

Core Team – Dr. Mark Deitrick, Don Sedlacek, Lauren Susan, Dr. Shelley Moore, Dr. John Higgs, Mary Jo Slater, and Sandy May.

Data Team – Beth Jansto, Brian Hayden, Walter Lukhaup, Aaron Meyerl, Sarajane Hill, Hope Gossard.

Immediately following, the teams divided to do group work with respect to the New Student Orientation initiative. The core team members began to discuss ways to improve success for all incoming students by discussing ways to reach those who do not attend the Fall session orientation, and to those who currently enroll in the Spring and Summer terms, each of which do not offer an orientation session. Core team members discussed incentives, day/evening/Saturday, interactive on-line model, the Valencia College model, fee waiver, additional assignment in Titan Transitions, and so on.

The data team discussion included how to refine the raw data presented with regard to FTITI cohort's average GPA: are high school students (CiHS and Academy) included in the initial data pull; how are PREP and COLL courses being coded – or have they been inadvertently excluded (Career vs. Term GPA); are/how are "R" (Repeat recommended) and "P" (Passing) grades being calculated in the GPA figure? Further discussion of what could be included to see a rounder picture of who is attending the Fall NSO session: Registration date by month; attendee age; and how many NSO attendees were retained for Spring semester.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 1:00 PM in SSC 1006.