



Achieving the Dream



First Year Experience Team MINUTES – April 16, 2015

Attendees: Brennon Hightower, Kalie Kilgore, Stephane Potts, Stacy Ehmen

1. Notes from AtD Leadership & Data Team:
 - a. Stacy showed the team a “Questions to Guide Review of New Data Sets” guide that Dr. Jacobs brought back from the AtD DREAM conference. The guide is attached. We will use it to analyze data effectively.
2. FYE Logic Model: Stacy emailed the Mandatory Advisement Logic Model to the team. She did not receive any feedback, so it was given to Cindy. Please note, this document is a working document and will always be updated as needed.
3. Placement Test feedback & Retakes: Laura Williams was at a conference recently and she noticed that several of the community colleges allowed students to retake their placement test. She brought back an example from Joliet Junior College. She noted that students were allowed to take the test 2 times with the college paying and the student would have to pay the 3rd time. Stacy is going to look at ACT’s retesting guidelines to see what options DACC has. Students feel so trapped and discouraged when they are not presented any other option than a long line of basic skills classes. She will report back to the team in May.
4. Success in College Update: A couple of INST 101 sections for Fall 2015 will be taught using the Investigations curriculum. The sections will meet an extra hour for lab time. Students will not be charged for the extra hour. A survey is given to incoming students to help decide who should be offered the opportunity.
5. Mandatory Advisement Sub-Team Update: HLC approved our Mandatory Advisement Quality Project! Bob’s team has been conducting focus groups with second year students to gather data about their experiences with Advisement & Registration. They will conduct focus groups with first year students in the fall. Stacy and Stephane will also be sending out a survey to faculty and staff on their perceptions and experiences with Advisement & Counseling.
6. Degree Audit Sub-Team Update: Cindy continues to work diligently on updating all the programs. Stacy is working on cleaning up course section types which are critical to the degree audit rules.
7. Retention/MAP-Works Update: Referrals are coming into staff and students are receiving assistance. However, faculty are not thrilled with the feedback that they receive from their referrals. MAPWorks software only allows them to see a canned response when the referral is completed; so they feel left out of the loop. Stacy was at a conference recently where other community colleges used Maxient software for their Early Alert system. Since the College is going to use it for Student Conduct and Complaints, it would be a win, win, win situation. The only part that we would be missing without MAPWorks is the student survey data. However, only 16.6% of first year students and 18.8% of sophomores completed the survey. There are other instruments available to measure the non-cognitive strengths/weaknesses of students. Stacy will discuss the move with other stakeholders and report back to the next meeting.
8. Career/Tech Recruiter: Kayla Potter, Dawn Nasser, Laura Williams, Lara Conklin, Chris Martin, Marcie Wright, Cindy Peck, and Becky Doss started the “How Close are You?” campaign in local County Markets on Saturday, April 11th. They saw some success with their efforts, but would like to change the time of day at the next event. We hope to do a second event in June.
9. Other Items from the Floor:
 - a. Stacy is attending an AtD Webinar on Technology Solutions: Aligning Advising & Tech Services to Improve Student Achievement.

Future Meeting: Thursday, May 21st @ 1:30 pm, Laura Lee Rm

