

ACES Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes: 3/18/10

In attendance: Helene Jara, Maria Hagan, Deborah Shulman, Francisco Tostado, Ed Braunhut, Nancy Fetterman, Adela Najarro, Sheryl Kern-Jones, Beth REGARDZ, Vicki Stanley, Rachel Mayo, Antonio Alarcón, Debra Spencer, Topsy Smalley, Victoria Bañales

- 1. The Bay Area Network:** Anniqua Rana, Instructor of ESL at Cañada College, delivered a presentation on the Bay Area Learning Network, inviting Cabrillo College ACES members to become a part of this community. The purpose of the Network, which is part of the California Basic Skills Initiative, is to: A) connect colleges to each other, so that, for example, Cabrillo knows what Foothill or DeAnza are doing at their home campuses in relation to Basic Skills, and what events or workshops may be taking place there, and B) to provide all participating colleges with free/cost effective access to professional development workshops in the area. By belonging to the Network, participating colleges will gain access to and information about upcoming workshops and events around community colleges in the surrounding Bay Area. These workshops and events will be open to anyone who is part of the Network. To belong to the Network, the college must agree to open up one professional/staff development workshop or event (i.e., a FLEX activity), and be willing to open up this event for Network participants from neighboring colleges.

In addition, participating colleges are invited to send a leader to the BSI's Summer Leadership Institute in June, which provides a week-long professional development training on student success, to be held near UCLA. Cost is approximately \$300; food and lodgings are paid for by the State.

ACES members who attended today's meetings agreed that joining the Network is a good idea; the ACES Coordinator will follow up with Anniqua Rana to inquire about next steps. For information about the Bay Area Learning Network, go to <http://baln.edulounge.net/>. Here, you will see which colleges are linked up to the Network and forthcoming events/workshops.

- 2. Learning Technology to Enhance Learning in Your Classroom:** Anniqua Rana led an interactive workshop, covering the following three (free) ways in which we can use simple technology to enhance student learning:
 - Polleverywhere.com: this site allows you to create simple polls that students can then vote on using cell phones or computers. Results can immediately be seen on the LCD screen. It's really neat and fun—check it out!

- GoogleDocs: this site can be used for various purposes, from creating your own classroom webpage with links to assignments, to sending documents to people for sharing/editing. Great for program planning!
- Jingdot.com: this site can be used to create videos that students can later access. Examples include: creating a video on how to write a thesis or do a math problem; students who forget this information after class lecture, can then go and view your video!

ACES members who attended this interactive workshop had loads of fun creating our webpages or polls! If you weren't able to attend this ACES meeting but are interested in some of the above, go to <http://baln.edulounge.net/>, then under the SEARCH box, type in "Google docs and more." Have fun!

- 3. Next ACES Meeting:** Our next and possibly last meeting of the semester is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 11am-12:30pm. Location: TBD. There are at least three important topics for discussion: A) possibly changing our name from ACES to CCLC (Cabrillo College Learning Communities), B) a brainstorming session on how the President can support ACES' mission, and C) update (and maybe showcasing?) of our Learning Communities Brochure. Please mark this date/time on your calendars, and I hope to see many of you there!