

## **BSLCAC Meeting Minutes, 1/31/11, 1-3pm**

**Present:** Brian King, Renee Kilmer, Nancy Fetterman, Joseph Carter, Nancy Phillips, Adela Najarro, Steve Larson, Beth Regardz, Audrey Blumenean, Jeanette Richey, Maggie Paul, Winnie Baer, Julie Hanks, Kevin Jonker, Vicki Fabbri, Barbara Schultz-Perez, Ekua Omosupe, Ed Braunhut, Jennifer Cass, Deborah Shulman, Topsy Smalley, Geneffa Jonker, Tina Sander, Shiela Anderson, Luz Marina Cardona, Francisco Tostado, Cathy Diaz, Gloria Tanner, Victoria Bañales

### **1. BSI/Sacramento Updates:**

- a. Renee reported that Mark Wade Lieu (Academic Senate) has been tapped by the Chancellor's Office to lead the Basic Skills Initiative efforts. In the past, no one person had been officially designated, so this is very exciting news because it means that someone will finally be able to review and properly assess the Action Plans, mid-year reports, and other documents that colleges have been collecting over the past 4-5 years.
- b. Renee also reported that 3csn is the name of the second generation BSI project. Members of our group (including Marcy, Rachel, Eric, Ed, Victoria, Jim, Jason, Renee) attended a 3csn workshop in Berkeley last year.

### **2. BSLCAC Update:** Victoria passed around a handout (attached) detailing our new Membership structure. Designated positions and the Reps/names (if known; some reps are still being decided) were reviewed. As recommended by the Council at our last meeting, this meeting (as well as future meetings) will be divided in two parts: the first hour will be dedicated to Basic Skills general issues, while the second half will focus on business pertaining to Learning Communities. Sub-groups can meet at any time and report back at our larger BSLCAC meetings. Renee will present this form to various Councils at Cabrillo to solicit formal approval.

### **3. Webpage Novelties:** Victoria shared recent webpage additions and novelties:

- a. Link to Learning Communities is on the Cabrillo College homepage
- b. The link takes people to the Learning Communities video that was recently produced by Marketing
- c. All the basic skills LC programs are listed and there is a link for each program
- d. Following the Council's recommendations at our last meeting, there is now another section called "other types of learning communities," which lists and includes links to programs like ACCESS, MESA, etc.
- e. There is a new Basic Skills and Learning Communities Reading Collection in our library, and a link can be found on our website. Materials are on reserve and available for check out

- f. There is a link to the Sentinel newspaper article about REAL
4. **Data on Basic Skills at Cabrillo:** Rick Fillman (PRO) presented various reports featuring statistics and research on student success rates in Math and English at Cabrillo. The data provoked a rich and lively discussion about success rates, and some topics that emerged were: how to effectively measure and define “success”; course success rates vs. student success rates; the importance of longitudinal, time-bound studies; the steep and consistent drop in “success” as students move through the basic skills-transfer sequence; and the need to account for different variables when we analyze the small percentage of students who complete the full sequence (i.e., student goals, certificates/degrees that don’t require all Math or English levels, full-time vs. part-time, etc.). The data/reports that were presented are available at: <http://pro.cabrillo.edu/pro/drafts>.
5. **LC Updates:** Victoria shared the following LC updates:
- a. Cabrillo hosted its first fall LC Open House last semester, and another is being planned for the spring. The spring LC Open House will be organized by Natalia Cordova-Velasquez (ACE) and Eric Grabiell (STARS). We hope to attract more students and generate more publicity for our spring event.
  - b. Marketing is adding extra footage to the LC video. The revisions will feature Puente and ACE students, as it was impossible to reach these students during the summer (which is when the original video was made).
  - c. ACE will launch a new student club soon. The paperwork is in process.
6. **Basic Skills Learning Communities: Guidelines and Expectations:** The Council reviewed and discussed proposed revisions to the Guidelines (attached is a draft of the revised document, based on the Council’s suggestions at this meeting).
7. **Next BSLCAC Meeting:** TBA by Victoria

Meeting adjourned at 3pm