

ACES Committee Meeting
8/25/10, 1:00-2:30pm

In attendance: Susanne Muszala, Shirley Ancheta, Jasone Malone, Jeff Tagami, Helene Jara, Rachel Mayo, Sheryl Kern-Jones, Joseph Carter, Adela Najarro, Nancy Phillips, Anna Zagorska, Eric Grabiell, Winnie Baer, Marjorie Regalado, Gabriela Rodriguez, Beth Nelson, Vicki Stanley, Deborah Shulman, Diane Sigman, Victoria Banales, Craig Hayward

1. Learning Community Updates:
 - a. STARS: Rachel, Eric, and Sheryl reported that STARS got off to a great start this summer with 56 out of 57 students passing their summer bridge courses. Team building activities were very helpful, and contacting students (reminding them of appointments or start dates) proved time consuming but highly essential for the success of the program.
 - b. PUENTE: Adela reported that Puente is doing well. An Orientation was held on Friday, and all students attended.
 - c. ACE (DBA): Victoria and Beth (Nelson) reported that several cohorts were cancelled due to low enrollments. This was primarily attributed to early semester starting cohorts (cohorts were scheduled as such due to classroom/space issues). Although several cohorts were cancelled, there is now a wait list for ACE/DBA cohorts that begin next week.
 - d. REAL: Joseph reported that this LC will continue to thematize vampires, and that last semester produced an incredible cohort experience for the students. This LC is the only night-time LC. There was a suggestion among ACES members that more night LCs should be offered/explored to accommodate students who work during the prime 8-5 hours.
 - e. SMP: Victoria reported that SMP had 3 successful cohorts over the summer; unfortunately, not all of them filled—each cohort had about 18-20 students each. On the other hand, Instructors were able to open their classes up to non-SMP students.
2. LC Brochure: Victoria passed around our new Learning Communities brochure, featuring STARS, Puente, ACE (DBA), REAL, and SMP. Victoria thanked Beth Regardz (Digital Media) for her creative vision and dedication to this project. Associated Students of Cabrillo College (ASC) and Title V provided funds for this. Brochures are available throughout key campus locations (BELA, Counseling, Watsonville Center, etc.). Victoria also announced that a special video, featuring our LC students, will be featured Friday at All College Day. Our new website is also up and running.
3. BSI Update: Victoria passed around and reviewed a recent letter from the Chancellor's Office, indicating that the budget is still in flux and undecided. The letter seems to hint that more cuts may be underway for 2010-11. At the same time, it asks that we continue with our campus BSI plans. For this

academic year, ACES has allocated funds to continue to support LIAs, tutorials, some student services, and professional development.

4. ACES Name Change and Evolution: Following a rich discussion about ACES and whether or not our program's focus was Learning Communities (with Basic Skills as a subset of that) or Basic Skills (with Learning Communities subsumed), a majority of ACES members strongly felt that we are a program that primarily serves BS programs and students, and that Learning Communities are part of that (and not the other way around). As a result, the following name change was proposed and unanimously voted on: Basic Skills Advisory Council (BSAC). The committee felt that this name change:
 - a. will better represent our program and help us return to our original purpose (born out of BSI)
 - b. is more inclusive of all programs/depts. that serve BS students
 - c. reflects our evolution from an ad hoc "committee" to a formal "council"
 - d. will help avoid much confusion between ACE (formerly DBA) and ACES

In addition, members agreed that we should form a Learning Communities sub-group (as part of BSAC). This group could be called Cabrillo Learning Communities (CLC). We will continue these discussions at our next meeting and review/renew our mission/vision and determine membership guidelines.

5. BRIC/TAP: Craig Hayward, Director of PRO, explained the upcoming Bridging Research, Information and Culture / Technical Assistance Program site visit Sept. 17. BRIC/TAP members will meet with a core group in the morning and then meet with smaller sub-groups in the afternoon. The Team will be very interested in knowing how we might use data to support our programs and students. ACES has been asked to comprise one of these sub-groups. It is important that we have adequate representation from a variety of BS programs/depts., such as English, Math, ESL, CTE, LS, etc. Victoria has already contacted key persons—if you received an email, please RSVP asap.
6. Our next meeting will be decided via e-mail/Meeting Wizard. Stay tuned...

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm