

Student Success Work Group
Best Practices and Teachers' Toolkit
M. Mangin
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Notes from Meetings of April 22 and April 29

1. Introductions – Vicki Fabbri, Matt Halter, Barbra Schultz-Perez, MM at both. Sheryl Kern-Jones and Phil Carr at 4/29.
2. Discussion of the Committee's Charge
 - a. How do we get on the same page with all the other efforts being made? Short, medium and long-term goals?
3. Review of Efforts
 - a. Flex – broadly conceived best practices brainstorm
 - b. Faculty Senate – discussion of barriers, opportunities, and data that might be useful in ss
 - c. New Faculty Orientation – new handbook almost complete
4. Brainstorm Future Directions and Products
 - a. Conversation about FELI workshops. Focus on communication and leadership. Focus on learning styles. Michael Sturm – spherical dynamics.
 - b. Discussion of affective vs. cognitive domains. Good teachers know intuitively that a personal connection with one's students can help them to stay motivated. VF observed that the affective/cognitive domains are not really dichotomous. They're interrelated.
 - c. Desire that this committee not just create a smorgasbord of teaching tricks.
 - d. Need to use data. What do we KNOW that works?
 - e. Possible theme: **Connection** (to college, peers, goals, instructors/staff)
 - f. Encourage instructors to visit each other's classes
 - g. Possible training of instructors in evaluation techniques
 - h. On-Course training. Small group and experiential. Need time to create something lasting.
 - i. Mentoring
 - j. Importance of office hours – encourage students and train faculty
 - k. Generate list of "as risk" students early in the semester
 - l. Six Success Factors from RP Group Report 1/13 – Directed, Focused, Nurtured, Engaged, Connected, and Valued
 - m. Michael and Vicki to produce a SS Toolkit for Cabrillo Faculty in summer 2013
 - n. Steps to SS (taken from Saddleback College) - Come prepared; Get enrolled; Select a pathway; Stay the Course; Become involved; Celebrate completion; Reach goals
5. Flex Workshop – mm will propose
6. Vicki Fabbri will take on some of the leadership and coordination functions around SS next year.
7. Next Meeting, if desired: Tuesday, May 28, 4-5pm, Room 425