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Achieving the Dream Core Team Meeting  
**February 22, 2008**  
**M2-34, 8:00 a.m.**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Jon Brown, Stephen M. Curtis, Ramón Díaz, Tom Ott, Susan Tobia,  
David Watters  
**Guests:** Tom Smith  
**Presiding:** Sam Hirsch, Judy Gay

**Minutes:** The minutes of December 6, 2007 were approved.

### **Update on Professional Development Strategy**

Susan Tobia described professional development initiatives from the Spring 2008 semester. She distributed two handouts, one showing the responses of faculty who attended sessions during Spring 2008 Professional Development Week and the other showing sessions related to Achieving the Dream.

Professional Development Day in February was a department planned day. Judy Gay reported that some departments had specific Achieving the Dream-related activities. Gatekeeper course departments each have planned activities for the semester.

There was a discussion of upcoming efforts including the Developmental Education Summit planned for November 2008 and English Department workshops for part time faculty planned for Spring 2008.

There is an ongoing discussion about how to measure the extent to which faculty are shifting their pedagogy.

### **Update on Math Initiative Strategy**

Judy Gay reported on the outcomes of the Math Initiative from the Spring 2007 data. She does not have the data from Fall 2007 from the department yet. There was a discussion of the Math Initiative as well as approaches that other institutions are taking to improve math outcomes. Tom Smith commented that, for Achieving the

Dream purposes, we need to be clear about the defined intervention, decide whether it worked and make a decision about what to do next.

### **Update on Noel-Levitz Surveys**

Sam Hirsch gave an update on the status of the planned surveys. The surveys will be given in March. The student survey includes a mix of classes – day, evening, Spring Garden campus, regional centers.

The Institutional Priority Survey will be given to all full time faculty, staff and administrators. The decision to limit the survey to full time personnel was made because of the expense. We need to decide how valuable this survey is before deciding whether to increase use in the future.

### **Update on Strategy Institute**

The team that attended the Strategy Institute in Atlanta is meeting in March to discuss this event. There will be an update at the next Core Team meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Core Team meeting is planned for **8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2008.**

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