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Achieving the Dream Core Team Meeting
April 25, 2008
M2-34, 8:00 a.m.

Draft Minutes

Present: Michael Akoto-Bamfo, Al Bichner (for Cassandra Jones), Jon Brown, Ramón Díaz, Linda Fellag, Jane Grosset, Tom Ott, Pat Scoles, Susan Tobia, David Watters
Guests: Tom Smith
Presiding: Sam Hirsch, Judy Gay

Minutes: The minutes of October 8, 2007 and February 18, 2008 were approved.

Welcome: Al Bichner was introduced as a representative for the School District of Philadelphia.

Noel-Levitz

Sam Hirsch provided an update on the Noel Levitz surveys. The institution had a 60% return rate. It will take five to ten days for analysis of the data. Institutional Research will do a report on the data. Tom Ott suggested that it would be useful to remind people of the CCSSE outcomes when the Noel Levitz information is presented.

Institutional Research Reports

Jane Grosset gave a brief overview of recent data reports (Fact Sheet 11 and Fact Sheet 12).

Al Bichner stated that the efforts of the College for the Achieving the Dream initiative are aligned with the work the School district is doing on the Secondary Education Blueprint. He said the School District considers the College to be an important partner in the K-16 pipeline. He also discussed the School District's attempts to re-engage youth based on the data from Project U-Turn.

Sam mentioned that the college is interested in re-engaging some of the 70,000-80,000 Philadelphians who have some college credits but no degree. This effort is aligned with Graduate Philadelphia.

Tom Smith said an important topic for discussion is how to deal with students without any of the basics. There was a brief discussion about student engagement initiatives. Tom Smith stated that there should be specific plans for student engagement.

Online Orientation Demo

David Watters showed a preview of the online student orientation. Students will be able to access information in the online orientation through the MyCCP portal. Tom Ott suggested that there should be some assessment of the online orientation. He suggested that two prompts for students could be, "I learned _____" and "I know who to go to _____."

Sam said Admissions will have a communication plan related to orientation.

Submission of Information for the Annual Report

The information for the College's annual report was submitted on time.

Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

Judy announced that the College can send 5 people to the Stakeholder Engagement for Student Success Workshop on June 16th at Montgomery County Community College. Interested members of the Core Team should contact Judy so she can respond to the invitation.

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