REPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
Meeting of March 8, 2011

Student Success Committee

The Student Success Committee has met the following four times since its formation in November 2010: 

The committee’s membership is as follows:
1. Judith Ann Friedman (Co-Chair, Administration)
2. Clare Norris (Co-Chair, English)
3. Norma Jacinto (General Ed)
4. Matt Robertson (Math)
5. Karen Quitschau (ESL)
6. Tim Russell (Learning Skills)
7. Clyde Titus (Voc Ed)
8. Vidal Valle (Student Services)
9. Patricia Banday (Assessment)
10. Achmed Mohsin (ASO)
11. Mark Pracher (Grants Management)

At the December 14 meeting, the committee agreed to maintain the Summer Think Tanks Rules of Operation and established a few new rules.
At all four meetings, the committee members have examined, discussed, and made revisions to the Comprehensive Foundation Skills Plan drafted by the Summer 2010 Foundation Skills Think Tank.
At all four meetings, the committee has also heard presentations on the Basic Skills budget and expenditures from Timothy Russell.
The Committee has discussed the utilization of tutors in West’s learning communities and Learning Center.
At the January 14 meeting the committee agreed to notice a motion advocating for West’s learning communities to undergo Program Review, which passed at the February 22 Senate meeting, and one to centralize all tutoring in the Learning Center, which the committee later agreed to withdraw.
At the February 16 meeting, the committee discussed the definition of a learning community and how the definition should be applied at West. (See attached.)
At the Committee’s March 2 meeting, the committee moved to present the new, revised version of the Comprehensive Foundation Skills Plan to the Senate on March 8, 2011 for its final reading. Clare Norris also presented on her participation in the State Academic Senate’s Student Success Institute: “Basic Skills across the Curriculum” and shared resources she thought would be valuable to the committee such as a West Ed study on Assessment and the 3CSN (California Community Colleges Success Network) web site:

http://www.wested.org/cs/we/view/rs/1051

http://3csn.org/

The Committee is proud to present the new, revised version of the Comprehensive Foundation Skills Plan to the Senate on March 8, 2011 for its final reading.

The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2011 at 2:30pm.