REPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Meeting of September 14, 2011

Student Success Committee

The Student Success Committee has the following meetings scheduled for the 2011/2012 school year at 2:30 in the PCR: September 14, 2011; October 5, 2011; November 2, 2011; December 7, 2011; February 8, 2012; March 7, 2012; April 11, 2012; May 2, 2012; June 13, 2012

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. Vacancy (Voc Ed)
8. Vidal Valle (Student Services)
9. Patricia Banday (Assessment)
10. Vacancy (ASO)
11. Mark Pracher (Grants Management)

At the committee’s April meeting, it established its support for the English 21 project showcase spearheaded by Holly Bailey Hofmann. It also discussed the Basic Skills budget.

At the committee’s May 4 meeting, it identified its top five priorities from the Foundation Skills Plan as follows:

3.1.C Promote effective instructor best practices including self-assessment as part of faculty learning communities.
2.1.D Expand faculty advising.
1.B Revise current foundations skills math and English curricula.
1.H Provide a comprehensive reading program to prepare students for college level reading.
1.A Contextualize math and English foundation skills within specific vocational curricula.

The committee also completed the Achieving the Dream Readiness Assessment as a step toward the college’s participation in the initiative.

At the June 1 meeting, the committee discussed ways to implement its first priority from the Foundation Skills plan: 3.1.C Promote effective instructor best practices including self-assessment as part of faculty learning communities.

The Committee discussed the possibility of including this priority of sharing best practices and self assessment in the upcoming November 2011 Leadership Retreat.

At the September 14 meeting, the committee discussed the Basic Skills budget and approved $15,000 of those funds to be released to pay tutors for Fall 2011. The committee will hear a more detailed report on the Basic Skills budget at its next meeting. The committee also discussed its role in the new Achieving the Dream initiative on campus, and Adrienne Foster presented her vision of Achieving the Dream being one component of the Committee's functions while the initiative takes shape on our campus. Holly Bailey-Hofmann also presented in anticipation of the May 2012 Project Showcase. Mark Pracher and Clare Norris shared about a Literacy Project focusing on “The Reading Process” happening on campus with Steverson & Associates. Finally, the Committee discussed the progress on using the upcoming campus Leadership Retreat as a platform to implement its first Foundation Skills plan priority. Clare Norris has promoted the topic at the Leadership Retreat planning meetings.