REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Meeting of the Basic Skills Committee  
Friday, May 2, 2014, 9am - 10am.  
Notes

Present: Harry Pyke, Pam Kessler, Ruth Moon, Erin Wall, Kristy Carlsen, Steve Jackson, Tracey Thomas, Sheila Hall, Julia Raich, Julia Peterson, Crislyn Parker-support

1. Meeting Called to Order.

2. Approve Notes: April 18, 2014 Meeting: approved as amended.

3. Action Items:
   3.1 Library & Writing Center Funding Proposal:
      • Questions for Ruth Moon about the connection of the requested resources to faculty and students.
      • Ruth queried other colleges and reported out. It wasn’t totally clear that the proposal was specifically only for basic skills credit courses. Ruth has worked with Vinnie in past years with the reading course. These materials are still in the library collection.
      • Collaborative faculty participation is a hurdle. Some feedback suggested: texts with audio would be helpful; target critical thinking skills as well as fundamental concepts such as nature vs nurture. Ruth noted that public libraries offer forms of electronic audio material and the Library tries not to duplicate materials already available. The posters were to provide visual fundamentals and orientation of logical fallacies and critical thinking; Pam noted this aspect of critical thinking is introduced in English 1A.
      • Pam is in favor of this proposal if it were to target a specific group and handle as a pilot and work with specific faculty; if works, increase in funding in future years.
      • Proposal must target credit basic skills credit courses: Engl. 350, 102; Math 301,302, 380. Pam made a request to purchase packets for English departments for students to check out from the library.
      • Ruth will submit a revised proposal.

   3.2 Faculty Co-Chair Election:
      • Unanimous agreement: Steve Jackson will be faculty co-chair

4. Discussion:
   4.1 Coordinating CAP Travel for English and Math
      • Airfare from Arcata would be $467 per person; from Santa Rosa $179 pp (direct to LA).
      • Van coordination to Santa Rosa and transportation to/from airport to hotel in LA will be established. A town car or limo will be hired for transportation between hotel and airport. More cost effective than a shuttle or taxi.
      • Erin will notify the eight attendees of what basic skills is providing, and any other arrangements will be at their own cost. Crislyn will look at flight times to/from Santa Rosa. 6/6 and 6/8 or 6/9

5. Reports

6. Other Discussion:
   • Action: Revise proposal instructions to specify basic skills, funding limitations and to support innovation.

Next meeting: Friday, May 16, 9am, (Julia Peterson will provide support)
   • Agenda Items: Student success scorecard, Student Success act: Tracy: Student success support plan and progress; update of student equity plan; ESL and continuation of Julia Raich’s position; Invite Angelina re: College draft standards; AB 86