

## **Student Engagement Committee Minutes**

**January 23, 2013 1-2:30 pm, ITV NM E132/FB C115**

**Present:** Linda Beer, Beth Danberry, Jeanne Ender, Candy Laven, Cassandra LaBairon, Ben Braswell, WC Sanders, Kayla Sandersfeld and Marilyn Weber.

**Not Present:** Rochelle Ament, Pam Becker, Amanda Behm, Heidi Beske, Erin Haroldson, Christina Hinz, Mitzi Kennedy, Donna Marzolf, Pat McAuley, David Miller, Susan Mucha, Lisa Schickling, Darci Stanford, Tracy Stokes-Hernandez, Marilyn Swan, and Xavion Turey.

**Approval of last month's minutes:** The January 23, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Bylaws Update:** Linda Beer submitted the Student Engagement Committee Charter and Bylaws to President Stover. These Bylaws are subject to review and changes may be made during the Administration and Faculty review.

**SCC Connections Newsletter Article – February 2013:** Linda Beer submitted an article to the Connections Newsletter titled "Focus on Student Success". It highlighted some of the SCC Student Engagement Model initiatives, the success of the Ask Anyone campaign, and that the Student Engagement Committee had the opportunity to talk with some SCC faculty who shared their "Best Practices in Student Engagement/ Persistence/ Completion". The article also included notes from Building and Manufacturing and Liberal Arts & Sciences. Linda stated that she had received many positive comments from faculty and staff related to the work that the Student Engagement Committee is doing.

**Presidential Search:** Both Linda Beer and W.C. Sanders were members of the Presidential Committee Search Team. Linda said that her work with the Student Engagement Committee really helped her make contributions with respect to student retention. W.C. discussed the three Presidential candidates and their views for student retention.

**Great Lakes Grant Opportunity:** The deadline for the Great Lake Grant is March 14, 2013. The purpose of this grant is student persistence and retention for first generation students, low income students and students of color. This grant will complement the TRIO program. If SCC receives the grant, it will be notified in August and will have to implement the grant starting in September. Rather than create a new program model, this grant will focus on students who just missed qualifying for College Readiness Reading and English 90 courses. As an incentive, tuition would be waived for the FYE course, in addition to shortening the term spent in school to graduate.

**Ask Anyone:** Erin Kuiper, SCC Bookstore manager, has requested to share bookstore service information with faculty and staff as part of the Ask Anyone campaign at the next Faculty/Staff meeting.

**Accuplacer:** Ben discussed Teaching Across Curriculum with regard to math courses being taught in SCC program areas. He stated that he would like to see a collaboration of math courses being taught in sequence and contextualized learning of math materials.

The proactive use of the Accuplacer test results was discussed relating to the student's scores. The Accuplacer diagnostic will show where the student is falling short in areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Jeanne discussed the Mechatronics program and how she is using the Accuplacer to determine placement in Math and options that she is able to provide to low scoring students including bootcamps and summer courses to help get the student to a college level in Math. Jeanne is implementing a pro-active approach with the students using grant funds received to help run Math bootcamps.

**Budget:** The Budget and Non-Salary Budget Request has been submitted for review to Karen Snorek.

**Membership List:** Linda said that anyone who has asked to be included or remain on the Student Engagement Committee will be included on the email mailing list and receive minutes. Discussion followed about the membership clause and attendance in the Bylaws.

It was also briefly mentioned that "Ask Anyone" philosophy being part of every New Hire Orientation.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

**Next Meeting topics:** The meeting time will be changed to noon to accommodate the majority of Student Engagement Committee members. The agenda will include the Student Engagement Plan and Budget spending for FY 2013. Also, Group Accomplishments will be discussed, so they can be submitted to the new President. Beth will send out "The Completion Agenda: A Call to Action" from the American Association of Community Colleges for discussion at next our next meeting also.

