DeAnza College
Developmental And Readiness Education (DARE) Taskforce
Meeting Minutes

Date and Location: 3/6/13  Admin 109


Guests: Ron Francis

Absent: Melissa Aguilar, Angela Caballero de Cordero, Andres Cuenca, Lenore Desilets, Chris Dorr, Phong Lam, Veronica Neal, Mallory Newell, Jeff Schinske, Cheryl Woodward

Note taker: Annette Corpuz

Discussion

Announcement

Dan Dishno – Just received this today and might be good for a basic skills student. Students who are on SSI, Medicaid, food stamps or who earn less than $15,000 can receive a free cell phone from the government. Can get a basic cell phone and up to 250 text messages per month.

I. Approval of Agenda and the 2/20/13 minutes
A. Agenda approved with no objections
B. 2/20/13 minutes approved

II. DARE Projects Updates – Mieso/Myhre
A. Other projects that DARE is working on are:
   1. Staff Development – FELI
   2. Student Success Center – Funding the work that is being done in the SSC.
   3. We have committed to working on assessment and fully intend to continue to work on as one of our projects. Report done in Fall 2010 and finalized in Winter 2011. Effort has been on hiatus.
B. Rob – Would be good to have the 5 projects posted on the DARE website.
C. Jen – 2 big things going on:
   1. Clickers have been ordered. Once we get the clickers, will be putting the call out for proposals and hoping to catch those with more traditional pedagogy.
      a) Still working out a management system for keeping track of the clickers.
      b) Jeff does have the goal of using it in the DARE meetings to try it out.
   2. Road Show – about ¾ of the pieces are put together and are still needing to work on some of the modules to try to target specific practical hands on strategies.
      a) Will be able to hit some of the division meetings by Spring, including Social Sciences and Humanities, paired with the survey results from Institutional Research.
      b) Another hopeful outcome from this is an online interactive repository of basic skills related strategies.
D. Jerry, Kathleen and Rob had a very productive meeting with the Fremont Union High School District on February 8th.
   1. The one thing that came up was the whole issue of assessment and placement.
   2. Shared how they prepare students for 4-year schools.
   3. Nothing is in place to orient and prepare them for Community College and then transferring out.
   4. The EAP (Early Assessment Program) is a good assessment of where students are in their skills. Would be good to take our placement test in their junior year, so that they can compare the EAP results and our placement results.
   5. How will we work together to share data?
   6. A placement test in the junior year will give the student a year to work on specific areas they need help.
   7. Did reach out to our Institutional Research office in terms of getting that data and how we can work with the District. Where we are right now is Andrew had tried to establish a data sharing agreement that has not materialized so far. The concern is without that, we would not be able to provide the District with the information that they are requesting. Is hoping to work with CALPASS to get information at the State level. Therefore, at this point, we cannot meet that request.
   8. Would definitely like to pursue the assessment part.
III. Other Updates

A. Latino & African American Outreach Conferences – Mieso
   1. So far we’ve done two: African American Student Conference on February 13th and we did the first of two Latino Conferences on March 1st. The second one is on March 14th.
   2. Great feedback from the high school students who have made positive comments on our FB page.
   3. Having to turn schools away from the March 14th conference because we hit capacity of 300.
   4. April 23 will be the Pacific Islander Conference
   5. May 11 will be the Open House hosted in the Sunken Garden – 4000 students and parents for placement testing and tours.

B. Global Issues Conference – Leonard
   1. Thursday, March 7th
   2. Aviva Chomsky - keynote speaker.
   3. Many presentation by De Anza students (Ren will be one of them).
   4. Have at least 10 classes presenting and many more coming.

C. Partners in Learning Conference – Reza/Chow
   1. Friday, March 8th
   2. DARE nicely represented among presenters.

D. FYE (First Year Experience) Event & Jean Miller Scholarship – Myhre
   1. Thursday, March 21st from 4 – 6 pm in Conference Rooms A & B
   2. Donations to the Jean Miller Scholarship fund will help to put textbooks in student’s hands, very practical and goes directly to help student’s education.
   3. Will also be honoring the FYE student who was shot and killed in Campbell.

E. TEL & Student Support – Anderson
   1. Technology Enhanced Learning retreat on 2/12/13 had nearly 100 in attendance.
   2. Lots of energy around the idea of how do we better use technology to support students and how do we help students who are IN technology (taking hybrid, online classes, etc.).
   3. Put together an ad-hoc group to look at what are some of the immediate and short-term things we can do to support students especially in two main areas:
      a) Advising and Counseling
      b) Student Success
   4. Currently a number of initiatives underway:
      a) 300 Student Cohort and many of those students will be at the developmental level.
      b) Student Success to get real time online tutoring.
   5. OER (Open Educational Resources) – Chow
      a) To better inform faculty in general about the existence of open educational resources that are accessible to students for very little cost or even free.
      b) Have some experts in the area working on developing or gathering information for while. Among them is Barbara Illowsky. She will come and talk about what’s going on with that.
      c) There will be a workshop sponsored by Staff development on Friday, May 17th from 10 – 2.
      d) Occurring on the same day as the Swap & Meet, which is primarily focused on LA, Sociology and Humanities. So different faculty are being targeted.

IV. Project Work (High School DARE Partners) - Break into groups

   A. Continue to plan the work and resources needed for the fiscal year
      1. HS Project
      2. Partners Project

Next Meeting:  
DARE Core: Tuesday, March 19: 9 – 10 am, El Milagro Room  
DARE General: Wednesday, March 20: 3:30 – 5 pm, Admin 109