



FOOTHILL COLLEGE

## Basic Skills Workgroup

### Minutes

Date: February 7, 2013

Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Location: President's Conference Room

#### Tri-chairs:

Sarah De Los Santos

Peter Murray

#### Members:

Craig Gawlick

Alex Duran

April Henderson

Elaine Kuo

Roberto Sias

Inna Witkop

Teresa Zwack

Mandana Navi

#### Ex-Officio:

Kimberlee Messina

### Summary

Time	Topic	Notes
2:30p – 2:35p	Welcome Back	
2:35p – 2:40p	Status of Tri-chair	
2:40p – 3:30p	Summer Bridge Math Program Update	
3:30p – 4:00p	Update: Math 220 and other upcoming programs	
4:00p	Next Meeting	

### Discussion Detail

#### 1. Status of Tri-chair

- Currently April Henderson and Inna Witkop expressed their interest in taking the Classified Tri-Chair position.
- In next Classified Senate meeting the Tri-Chair position will be discussed and selected.

#### 2. Summer Bridge Status

- Elaine gave the presentation on Summer Bridge program data, tracking students into fall and winter.
- Group discussed that Math 10 doesn't require strong algebra background; statistics may require a different math skills set. Since there were some indication of summer bridge cohort not doing well in Math 10 in the fall, Peter suggested that they might want to look at different ways of teaching and preparing students for Math 10. Perhaps directing students to Math 217 might be better choice for them.
- There were some requests:
  - A report on how students were doing in Math 10 based on the instructional method.

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- How many of Summer Bridge cohort took Counseling 50 in summer or before.
- How many students had financial aid?
- DSPS students
- Are students who enrolled in Math 105 or 108 are taking any Biology (Bio 10) and Chemistry (Chem 30)
- There were some discussions around introducing other interventions to help with students' success rate. Suggestions are as follows:
  - Can counseling be more engaging
  - After midterm next fall touch base with students and see how they are doing
  - Faculty contacting students
  - Peer to peer mentoring
  - Encouraging students to register for Pass the Torch
  - Contacting the students who enrolled in winter but didn't take any math courses
  - Creating a course or workshop for students on how to take advantage of online courses

### 3. SB Program, Flyer and Brochure

- There was discussion about two Bridge Programs, one in July, the second in August.
- There won't be a English component in SB for this summer.
- Counseling 50/5 will be offered (CNSL 50 will be recoded to CNSL 5). CNSL 5 will be a good option for students who have already taken CNSL 50 at high school (as CNSL 50 is transferrable). [Is this last statement true? Just checking.]
- Flyer: Some more edits were suggested by Denise and implemented.
- Brochure will be ready next week. Craig will send it to the Basic Skills members for their review and feedback. However, must determine if there will be an August session because that will affect brochure timeline.

### 4. Math 220

- After review of data, Math 220 is going back to 5 units.

### 5. New programs

- STEM summer camp for underrepresented female students (10th-11th-12th graders). There will be three separate camps from 8:30am to 1:30pm, building upon different science topics such as nanotechnology, biotechnology and activities related to math. The program dates will be finalized by May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested to have a 10-15 minutes financial aid presentation for this group.
- Let's Play Math: One day in two different sessions; for elementary and middle school students; teaching math concept through using interesting tool.

### 5. Next Meetings

- March 7, 2013 – 2:30pm – 4:00pm