

Achieving the Dream Core Team
Meeting Summary
January 13, 2009
3:15 p.m.

Present: Peg Moir - Chair, Sheila Campbell, John Falls, Beth Franz, Margaret Puckett, Bob Robbins, Keith Stoner, Bev Walker, Traci Lykins - recorder

Absent: Richard Birk, Ken McCreight, Kate Peresie, Don Plotts, Tom Prendergast

Core Team Additions

Peg Moir reported that we have two new members on the Core Team. Beth Franz who joined the group in December represents the English Department. Today Bob Robbins from the Financial Aid office joins the group. Moir welcomed both new members.

Robbins gave a brief overview. He noted that most students do not understand their rights and responsibilities as borrowers. Entrance and exit counseling is required, however, NC State is using an online counseling tool that only covers the minimum and provides no examples. Robbins feels our students could benefit from more extensive in-person loan counseling. Robbins is currently researching options.

Math Boot Camp Follow-Up

Moir noted that she has requested follow-up reports on each AtD-funded project or intervention. John Falls reported on the Math Boot Camp that was held prior to fall quarter. He distributed a spreadsheet that listed and tracked each student who had participated. Each of the students who took and stayed in the math course they were placed into as a result of the boot camp passed the course. The math department would like to conduct the boot camp again prior to fall quarter '09 and asked if funds would be available or if they should pursue other sources of funding. Moir stated there should be AtD funds to conduct the camp in fall, but if the camp continues to be offered, it should eventually be built into the math department budget.

Falls also informed the group of an informal survey that was given to math students about time frame and delivery of math courses. The math department will use the results for future planning.

Baccus and Stirn Visit Planning

Moir reported that Eileen Baccus and Jacki Stirn would be visiting the college in March. The possible dates would be either March 9 and 10, or March 23 & 24. She asked the group which dates would better work for them. Since March 23 & 24 is break week, faculty will be off campus and therefore the group chose March 9 and 10. Moir will pass the info on to Baccus and Stirn. This is the final year we will have KnowledgeWorks support and this will be their final visit.

Gates Foundation RFP

Moir reported that Title III grant RFP's would not be issued for FY10. The college has decided to submit an application for the Gates Foundation grant. The RFP will be issued the last week of January. The proposal is due April 1 and the grants will be awarded May 1. Tom Prendergast will be reporting more on this at upcoming meetings.

Strategy Institute

Representatives that will be attending the Strategy Institute in San Francisco in February are John Falls for math, Peg Moir, Don Plotts, Pat Herb for English, and Keith Stoner. Members from the NC State team will be co-presenting a break-out session on self-funding along with members from the Zane State and Cuyahoga Community College teams. Stoner is producing a short video to show participants. It will include comments from Bill Miller and Ron Abrams, who were instrumental in launching the AtD Initiative at NC State without funding. Planning is ongoing and more reporting will follow.

Other

A team member asked if the celebration picnic would be held this year. Moir reported Chriss Harris had indicated that the Alumni Group would like to take that over this year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

The next Core Team meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 3:15 p.m., room 149-F