

AWE Steering Committee Meeting - Minutes 3/18/11

FIG Members:

Present: John Leamy, Anneka Rogers, Twyla Olsen, Melissa Colon, April Walker, Alicia Kolstad, Adrienne Seegers, Melissa Raby, Courtney Castle, Dennis Gervin, Michelle Vidaurri, Kim Zubek, Karin Rodts, Mike Torok, Ida Ponder, Craig Johnston, Susan Medeiros

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made all around.

Student guests– Julie Peavey, Shanna Beach, and Michael Robinson

II. Planting A Victory Garden – Twyla Olsen

How do we plant a victory garden and ground rules.

- One person speaks at a time
- Smile at every idea
- Respectful when people are sharing their ideas
- Open minded
- Positive
- Plant the seed of knowledge
- No Drunken Monkeys

III. Roundtable Conversations – Student Facilitators

Julie Peavey, Shanna Beach, and Michael Robinson facilitated roundtable conversations. Steering committee broke into 3 different groups and shared their ideas on “How to plant a Victory Garden.”

Group 1

Schedule of staff/faculty – go to student center, bring goodies

Promote campus life – music night, jam sessions, battle of the bands

Ultimate Frisbee or softball – staff / faculty vs students

Student motivational speakers

Earthworm farm / garden

Encourage students to stay positive

Club Day

Fall Jubilee

Friendly contest – e.g. book reading
Game night
Build mandala – labyrinth
Open mic poetry
Staff gathering-pot luck, board games
Challenge yourself to be the happiest person
Email blast -“You can do it”
Jacuzzi in Student Center – tanning beds (for Vitamin D)
Handwritten chain letter – encouragement
Compliment and praise hard work
Buddy system – support each other
Voicemail chain – “You Rock”
Create button-perseverance-we are all in this together – slogan-T-Shirt
Surround campus with color-plants-human chain of color-student garden-signage
Plan classes around student need-(times)
Talent show

Group 2

Bring back College Hour-**Build community-celebrate what we do have not focus on what we don't have**

Ride share- **link people to reduce high cost of gas and getting to and from campus.**

Club Day

Rap session-- 1 hour - weekly - meaningful conversation for students, staff, faculty - rotate facilitators - let's remember to be compassionate with all to help to relieve stress and be supportive 5. Planning session for students - ask what they need, make sure all students are heard, and find out best time to offer services.

Be humane with all people on campus to relieve stress and be supportive

Planning Session-ask students what they need, make sure all students get heard

Liberal Garden Planting – to bring out ideas

Staff Development with rotational student

Plant a garden - it helps all to see something from our labor and reminds us of our community spirit.

Staff Development with retention focus for students- many students drop out the first couple of semesters as they do not know how to navigate and handle returning to school.

Group 3

Incentives (supplies)
Motivational speakers
Different themes throughout the semester
What can students do to manage their own budget?
Previous FSE students come back to motivate new FSE students
Wisdom Wall
21st century tools for students
End of year survey for FSE students
Leadership Institute-formal and informal cohorts
Online Leadership Institute
What tools could generate excitement for online students to participate
Online publishing – smashwords.com, Spring Review
Carousel-projects that are shared between classes
Contextualized learning
Greenhouse
Seed (PAC)K – Student driven...”Project Across Curriculum”
Administrators coming to Leadership Institute

IV. Wrap – Up Report Out

A member from each roundtable read aloud their ideas on what they believe is relative in “Planting a Victory Garden”.

Submitted by: Cari Craven

Next Steering Committee Meeting: 4/15/11 Cellar 9:00 – 10:30 am

