

AWE Steering Committee Minutes

10-14-11

Present: Julie Peavey, Twyla Olsen, Melissa Colon, Michelle Vidaurri, John Leamy, April Walker, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Meryl Soto, Chris Vitelli, Shanna Beach, Kathy Schultz, Alicia Kolstad, Adrienne Seegers, Susan Medeiros, Laureen Campana, Mike Torok,

I. Welcome and Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves.

II. Review agenda for upcoming months - Adrienne

Please save time in November, we would like to have an open conversation on “How to improve student success”. In December we will be asking for the 2012-2013 school year FIG proposals.

The Annual Report will be on the AWE website prior to the accreditation team visit.

III. AWE Budget Workshop - Adrienne

Adrienne discussed with FIG leaders what it means to have a budget. Be sure to check your budgets quarterly. Are you spending your funds? If not, why? Do you need to make a change? If you are not going to spend your funds, you may give another FIG that amount (this change request would go before the AWE Steering Committee). You may contact Cari Craven (x5107) with any questions regarding your budget.

Sprouting New FIGS – Alicia

Students seem to lack directions and need academic advising. (April W.)

One thought was to create an advertising campaign “Got Counseling” pitch. Outreach could be done in English 151 classes (many students begin in English 151). Outreach could be performed by student leaders, tutors, student senate etc. Perhaps we could develop a lead student information session regarding the importance of academic counseling.

- This could be ongoing throughout the semester

FSE SI student leaders would like to start a general “time to share resources”

- These times can be advertised via student email blast, as well as a reminder via our registration system

A Holistic Health Fair (Laureen C., April W.)

We're assured that funding approved figs will be supported even if the funding must be found through another funding stream. The fair will be based on the Wheel of Health (Hettler, 1972). They will explore the possibility of a spring 2012 fair, depending on the results of the exploration they may shoot for next fall 2012.

We should have a student success web page (Meryl Soto)

This would be a great way to share student writing, art and stories.

Meryl Soto will work with Jake and the GPS FIG to see if she can publish the info via GPS or if it would be a separate FIG.

IV. Admin FIG Travel request – Adrienne

It was the consensus of the group that a trip to the College Reading and Learning Association in San Diego will be funded by basic skills. Estimated travel cost is \$3,500.00. Elissa Creighton and Craig Johnston will be attending this event in November, 2011.

V. FIG Updates FIG Leaders

Please forward short FIG reports to Cari (cravenc@yosemite.edu).

GPS

GPS #6 will be ready for spring. Students are not currently accessing the webpage; one idea is to have students stationed at the faculty/staff parking lot and hand out GPS information to faculty, asking them if they could start using GPS tools in their classes, as well as giving out GPS information to students arriving to campus.

FSE – John Leamy

All is going well and attitudes are good. There have been a few personal problems with some of the students. FSE will be going the L.A. to visit the Museum of Tolerance in November. Alicia informed us that this will be her last semester with FSE....Kirsten Miller will be taking over in the spring.

House Calls – Chris Vitelli

Craig Johnston, Anne Cavagnaro, and Kathy Schultz are helping with House Calls. We need faculty to use House Calls. Kathy recently completed a House Call and is available to help students prepare papers in a particular format, USB drives – how to organize files, and powerpoint. Kathy also mentioned that House Calls may be custom tailored. Please forward House Call requests through Grace Alvarez (alvarezg@yosemite.edu).

Early Alert – Susan Medeiros

In response to the need to develop student awareness of Early Alert campus-wide, the Early Alert FIG developed Early Alert bookmarks. These were distributed to various locations on campus that get heavy student use such as the Student Center, the AAC, Counseling and Special Programs offices, Job Placement and the Library.

Early Alert technology continues to have intermittent problems due to SARS interface, but the problems are brought to the attention of college IT and appear to get remediated fairly rapidly. Mike Torok reported that technology issues related to SARS is being brought to the District for review by Dennis Gervin. Many instructors are using Early Alert, even if there are access issues as they e-mail the students and concerns to Susan Medeiros as FIG co-leader. Kathy Schultz shared that she as an instructor is reluctant to send an Early Alert when she has already talked to the student. This appears to be an area for further discussion among the Early Alert FIG members.

Submitted by: Cari Craven

Next AWE Steering Committee meeting: November 18th, 9 am – 10:30 am – Cellar