

AWE Steering Committee Minutes

11-18-11

Present: Adrienne Seegers, Alicia Kolstad, Elissa Creighton, Judy Reiman, Rickee Hill, John Leamy, Anneka Rogers, Kathy Schultz, Wendy Griffiths-Bender, Dave Chesnut, Melissa Raby, Chris Vitelli, Melissa Colon, Cheryl Divine, Karin Rodts, Meryl Soto, Kim Zubek, Twyla Olsen, Ida Ponder, Courtney Castle, Laureen Campana

Student facilitators: Shawna Beach, Ricky Shaw, Josh Clinger, Kim Hinman, Nicole Skidmore

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made all around.

II. FIG requests for 2012/13... due 12/9/11

New FIG or continuing FIG proposals are due December 9, 2011. Cari will email the AWE FIG Request form; please forward completed proposals to Cari. We will prioritize requests in January.

III. Preserving the Harvest! Student facilitated discussion

The AWE Steering Committee broke out into multiple groups and revisited past Victory Garden ideas and decided what we want to keep and created new ideas as well.

IV. Report Out

Preserving Our Victory Garden Harvest

Four groups worked with the list of ideas that were brainstormed at our spring "victory garden meeting" as we discussed our ideas it was clear that there were several strong themes. I've attempted to organize the ideas around a common focus although some may fit in more than one place. Here are the ideas we'd like to "preserve and persue"! Many of these ideas are simple and easy to implement, use this list as inspiration for FIG proposals or just make an idea happen! Even better, ask students to adopt an idea and work on it.

Playful/Fun Gatherings:

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

Ultimate Frisbee or softball-staff/faculty vs. students

Club day

Fall Jubilee

Spring Fling

Game night

Movie night

Build mandala-labyrinth (Wellness Fair spring 11)

Open mic poetry/poetry slam

Athletics-community building

Surround campus with color-plants-human chain of color-student garden-signage

Greenhouse, garden, earthworm farm (Synergy club)

Liberal garden Planting-to bring out ideas

Friendly contest-e.g. book reading

Staff gathering, potluck, board games

Baker station retreats (Leadership Institute, ISW, Faculty Retreat)

Talent show

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

Rap session-1 hour-weekly-meaningful conversations for students, staff, faculty-rotate facilitators-let's remember to be compassionate with all to help to relieve stress and be supportive.

Conversations/discussion groups

Brown Bag Lunch

Non-academic community building activities

Entertainment FIG

Wisdom wall (in place in Career Center area)

Student contest-textbooks paid for semester

Culinary capstone Miner's Gem restaurant as a venue for an event

Spring hospitality-Wed. Bistro

Support for students/General morale

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

Student motivational speakers

Keynote speakers

Encourage students to stay positive

Challenge yourself to be the happiest person

Email blast-“You can do it”

Email Encouragement Campaign & email “blast” development

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

AWE wristbands-motivational quote

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

Different themes throughout the semester

GPS

Cram night-Finals

Morale FIG student and staff

Wellness Fair in Spring and Fall

Transportation

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

- FIG
- Ride sharing board and transportation site(make a board)
- Signage-CC carpool

Showcasing students’ work, connect planning with student needs

Plan classes around student need-(times)

Planning session for students-ask what they need, make sure all students are heard, and find out best time to offer services

Table Top Information-What resources are available for students

Focus Groups

Student success web page linked to college page/Online publishing-smashwords.com, Spring Review (GPS is working on this)

Previous FSE students come back to motivate new FSE students

Staff development

Staff Development with rotating “student perspective” i.e. Veteran w/PTSD

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 i.e.: “Quick tips” student success workshop on connect Columbia (Rickey)

Enhanced student services

More students attend orientation

- Offer USB-more students will want to attend
- Stamp- 10% off books or \$10 gift card

Incentives

- Bookstore voucher/Thank you to students

What can students do to manage their own budget? (Spring GPS tool in April)

Student newsletter (Student Senate is working on it)

- Revive the student newspaper-Online
- Highlight departments
- Highlight students
- Highlight campus successes

21st century tools for students

Curriculum/New Teaching Approaches

Carousel-projects that are shared between classes/Seed (PAC) K-Student driven...”Project Across Curriculum”

End of year survey for FSE students (already occurring)

Leadership Institute-formal and informal cohorts

Online Leadership Institute

Administrators coming to Leadership Institute

- Cross campus/all inclusive leadership institute

What tools could generate excitement for online students to participate

- Free USB to registry in online classes

Contextualized learning

- Pop-beads
- Students helping students w/ skills

Online? College Facebook page

Other

Mini amphitheaters for outside class/discussions-log benches etc.

Food kiosk at Library/food cart

Submitted by: Cari Craven and Adrienne Seegers

Next AWE Steering Committee meeting: 12-9-11 at 9 am in the Cellar