

AWE Steering Committee Minutes

12-9-11

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, Karin Rodts, Meryl Soto, Kim Zubek, Twyla Olsen, Ida Ponder, Courtney Castle, Doralyn Foletti, Erin Naegle, Craig Johnston, Brian DeMoss, Susan Medeiros

Students present: Shawna Beach, Julie Peavey, Zach Calabrese, Kaye Porter, Ariel Vaughn

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Introductions were made all around.

II. **FIG requests for 2012/2013.** The list below is what we have received so far.

Student Success Webpage / Meryl Soto
AAC Instructional Assistant / Elissa Creighton & Craig Johnston
Student Transportation Club / Anneka Rogers & Sylvia Watterson
On-Ramp / Courtney Castle
AAC / Craig Johnston
Veterans / Michelle Vidaurri
Fall Wellness Fair / Lauren Campana & Kim Zubek
Teaching & Learning / Twyla Olsen
ESL / Cheryl Divine
AAC Summer Support / Craig Johnston
Skills Academy Pop Bead Curriculum Development / Alicia Kolstad
Student Focus / Alicia Kolstad
Textbooks for Reserve Collections / Wendy Griffiths-Bender
Embedded Blackboard Tutors / Melissa Colon & Craig Johnston
House Calls / Chris Vitelli
GED / Dave Chesnut

III. **AWESTars**

Elissa Creighton

Shelley Muniz

Lindsay Laney

Craig Johnston

AWESStar Tutors

Kaye Porter

Lauren Kelly
Joe McLeod
Ariel Vaughn

IV. **Optional FIG reports**

AAC – Craig Johnston

We had between 900 and 950 tutoring appointments this semester, SI's are booming and stamp appointments have skyrocketed. We need online tutoring support.

DSPS Fair – Karin Rodts

The DSPS Fair went well, great community and campus support. Karin would like Cody Baker and Rickee Hill work on a DSPS newsletter.

On-Ramp – Courtney Castle

The summer of 2010-11 was a great success. Completion rate was 23 out of 26. We had a lunch for the students to celebrate completing the program. This was a great way to end the summer and they were very appreciative. The only changes we are making for summer of 2011-12 is to purchase flash drives to give to the students. We are in the process of creating our calendar and lining up the appropriate instructors and the needed supplies.

House Calls – Chris Vitelli

There have been several house calls this semester.

GPS

GPS is wrapping up our Fall Tools and asking for feedback from students, staff and faculty on their experience with GPS this semester. The FIG will look at the survey results to design the Fall 2012 tools. The Spring 2012 tools will be: January Health and Nutrition, February Time Management, March Balancing Stress, April Managing Money. We have a wonderful group of students involved and truly driving the process. Stephanie Eaton will be co-facilitating the FIG with Adrienne for Spring Semester. In an effort to

increase faculty participation letters about the upcoming tools will arrive in staff mailboxes on 12/9/11, students will be making a presentation about the program at the adjunct in-service and in-service day in January, posters will be available and posted around campus at the beginning of the semester. Please encourage everyone to participate in this effort to enhance student success for all students.

Textbooks for Reserve Collections – Wendy Griffiths-Bender

Library textbooks are very popular with students.

Early Alert – Susan Medeiros

We are having less technology issues, more usage through SARS, and are using Early Alert bookmarks for getting the word out.

Teaching & Learning – Twyla Olsen

The Teaching and Learning Fig is expanding into a new project. New T&L Fig Member Erin Naegle and FIG Coordinator, Twyla Olsen are creating a Teaching and Learning Cohort, that will offer Faculty Development in learning methodologies to best engage students. Held on the following dates in 2012; Jan 24; Feb 7, 21; Mar 6, 20; April 10.

SLAM POETRY returns with Christina Perez Jan/Feb of 2012 and Student Senate will be co sponsoring this event.

A Quiet Room is being created to offer staff and faculty a quiet place to relax and de-stress, available in spring of 2012.

A team from Columbia College will be attending a Learning and The Brain Conference in San Francisco in February 2012. Attendees will be presenting at Columbia College upon their return about new information about this important topic.

Embedding Basic Skills in Distance Education – Melissa Colon

We are working on a “5 Steps of Writing” video project for writing across the curriculum.

Embedded Blackboard Tutors – Melissa Colon

Researching how we can best utilize our embedded online tutors to serve online instructor & student's needs outside of the normal AAC hours.

Additional Hours for ITC Assistant

Jana Connell is available in the ITC for 32 hours a week to help with multimedia projects for faculty, staff and students. She is currently working on several Web & Video projects such as an On-Ramp Student Success Web page featuring student's papers linked with audio, Career Tools Video Showcase and editing the writing across the curriculum series.

First Semester Experience (FSE) – John Leamy

22 students enrolled, and 22 students remain. FSE students went to the Museum of Tolerance accompanied by Alicia Kolstad, Mike Torok, Melissa Raby and Chris Vitelli and had a wonderful time. There will be a FSE potluck Tuesday, December 13th. Alicia is working with Diana Sunday regarding FSE data.

Student Focus – Alicia Kolstad

The Leadership Class will do presentations in Redbud 2 today 12-9-11 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

ESL – Cheryl Divine

All is well; we have about 60 + ESL students at four sites, in both Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties.

Veteran Success – Michelle Vidaurri

The Fall Veterans Success FIG was a success—although we saw a decline in new veteran student intake, we were able to focus energy in building the community of veteran students. The Columbia College Modern Veterans Club restarted with more student initiative, taking the lead on promotion etc. Through FIG efforts we were able to host guest speakers at meetings, provide refreshments which drew in new faces. The Veterans Day

Celebration also had a great turn out of students and staff. Hospitality funding from this FIG provided tri-tip to BBQ, and green salad. Pot-luck contributions filled in the gaps and many students ate well, visited and networked- mission success!

The Veterans Book Library served only 3 students this semester due to the decline in new enrollees, but, we have had current veterans donate their fall books to the library and the program continues to grow.

Submitted by: Cari Craven

Next AWE Steering Committee Meeting: January 20th - 9am – Cellar