

AWE Steering Committee Minutes

3-23-12

Present: Susan Medeiros, Leslie Buckalew, Elissa Creighton, Rickee Hill, John Leamy, Twyla Olsen, Laureen Campana, Michelle Vidaurri, Shelley Muniz, Alicia Kolstad, Adrienne Seegers, Judy Reiman, Melissa Colon, Courtney Castle

Student: Shanna Beach

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made all around and we shared what we love. Adrienne announced that Anne Cavagnaro and Elissa Creighton will be the new AWE co-facilitators. Adrienne and Alicia will continue to be resources when and if needed.

II. Yes but/Yes and

We all participated in an activity and discussed how it made us feel. There were two scenarios given...how we feel when our ideas are met with negativity and how we feel when our ideas are met with enthusiasm.

III. Review proposed 2012-2013 AWE Budget

FIG leaders reviewed their FIG descriptions. Adrienne asked “how can we make our descriptions better.” Adrienne said that there will be another budget meeting in April, and that she, Alicia, Leslie, Anne and Elissa will meet with the Deans.

IV. What we’re doing and how we know when we’ve done it (plans and annual report)

Adrienne handed out “Measures of Success” form, and asked that each FIG leader complete the form. The AWE Annual Report is due at the end of April, which will include qualitative and quantitative information.

V. Optional FIG Reports

ESL: Cheryl Divine

ESL has 50 plus students at 4 sites in 2 counties. Cheryl has applied for a Columbia College Foundation mini-grant for three laptops to be used in Jamestown to help students become computer literate.

Melissa Colon:

With the award of the Multimedia Technician Grant this year we have had the opportunity to have Jana Connell, as our Multimedia Technician and Kris Oswald, in-house Multimedia Technician intern work on multimedia projects. The **Student Video's FIG** has expanded the multimedia/video project opportunities to include: instructional videos, "The Write-on Series with Rick Rivera", "For the Health of It" with April Walker" and other campus event activities that can benefit from multimedia/video support.

On-Ramp: Courtney Castle

The summer of 2010-11 was a great success. We had a completion rate of 23 out of 26. We had a luncheon 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.

FSE: John Leamy

We currently have 16 of the original 20 students still participating. One had to drop the program during the first week. There were several personal crises recently with some students, and the support of the “cohort” was helpful. We plan a closing “celebration” off campus on Thursday, April 26. The schedule for Fall, 2012 has been submitted and will duplicate Spring, 2012.

Health & Wellness Fair: Laureen Campana

Laureen reported that the Health & Wellness Fair was a success; she shared students’ artwork and said the energy that came from the Wellness Fair, was that we need to tend to both sides of our brains.

Veterans: Michelle Vidaurri

Michelle reported that at the end of May there will be a veteran’s event that will share biographies and photos of veteran students. There will be a guest speaker and that this event is open to everyone.

Submitted by: Cari Craven