

Achieving the Dream Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016 | LRC9103 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Attendees: Mark Deitrick, Jessica Diehl, Brian Hayden, John Higgs, Sara Jane Hill, Gloria Jacobs, Jan Kaminski, Liz Marshall, Aaron Meyerl, Shelly Moore, Ray Schweinberg, Don Sedlacek, Fran Sifers, Mary Jo Slater, Lauren Susan, Leslie Tennant, Katie Thomas, and CJ student, Kelly Staschak

The meeting was co-chaired by Jan Kaminski, Don Sedlacek, and Jessica Diehl.

Mark Deitrick approved the 03-15-16 meeting minutes seconded by Sandy May.

Jan Kaminski took a vote on Criminal Justice student, Kelly Staschak, becoming a member of the Achieving the Dream team. All attending unanimously voted yes.

Brian Hayden updated the group on comments from the AtD coaches during and after their recent (March 29th & 30th) visit. We have made tremendous progress. A diversity discussion, which was well attended, was recommended one week prior to the coaches' visit. It seems that the one issue is that NSO needs to address ALL students, not just the ones who attend the sessions. Brian announced that he is working on data with minor changes and is getting ready to do the annual report.

Don Sedlacek outlined the charge for a new NSO planning group and requested a few volunteers to help set the direction of this initiative. The student surveys noted that orientation is too time consuming and many students left after lunch. It was decided that we will use what we have, add to the presentation, and transition to new and better ideas. We need to look at online options. Sandy May commented that maybe we should put a "twist" on the Rock Enroll sessions and add some orientation projects. There is always room for changes and we are open to new ideas. Kelly Staschak added that more introduction to technology is needed in the NSO. Perhaps have the sessions in a computer lab so students can see how to maneuver through the sites. Mary Jo Slater noted that she has always taken her students to her lab during the lunch period of the NSO. Kelly added that it would have been nice to have students grouped by majors, although this could be a problem due to group size. We need to consider if parents should also be invited. AtD needs to have a member on the NSO planning meetings.

Jan Kaminski will speak with Leslie Tennant regarding the Communications Group and provide additional information at a future meeting. Jessica encouraged those interested in joining to sign up for the Communications group in Blackboard.

Jessica Diehl did a presentation of the updated webpage/scoreboard. The site is found on www.ccbc.edu/studentsucces. There is also a new AtD Organization available through Blackboard with all members having access immediately. We need to indicate we are making strides with the scorecard. A focus group with Liberal Arts faculty would be a good way to get input.

The Achieving the Dream meetings will continue throughout the summer, with the next meeting on Thursday, May 19th from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.