2/7/14 Basic Skills Meeting

Present: Lauren Servais, Kris Abrahamson, Connie Gozzarino, Julie Muzzatti, Ann Foster, Carlos Valencia, Li Collier, Jim Cason, and Anna Brown

Absent: Victor Cummings, Mary Kay Rudolph, KC Greaney, Lauralyn Larsen, Geoff Navarro, Margaret Grayson, Gary Allen, and Inez Barragan

Minutes from 12/6/13 approved.

Butte College: has a technology center and is working on a common assessment instrument. Hopefully, this instrument will be ready by 2015. Li Collier noted that a workgroup SSSP has been working on data elements mandated by the state. This week the group wrapped up the 11th element. Ideas and plans have formed around each element. The group has worked on Early Alert, renaming it Early Connection. Li will demonstrate at the next meeting if it is available. Meanwhile a paper referral form will be used. The question was asked whether embedded counseling meetings could be considered follow up. Yes, now we are allowed to count services during class. Embedded Counseling will probably reach 1,000 students.

Innovation Institute- 2 days right after Memorial day before faculty leave. The focus would be Reading Apprenticeship. Then, it would meet two days before returning in the fall to discuss culturally and linguistically diverse students, including principles of acceleration and class redesign. The question is whether we can use basic skills funding to pay adjunct faculty. These sessions would offer intensive course redesign. The committee thinks faculty are tired right after graduation. The group suggested offering the Institute in the fall, using the paid day before the start of school “District activities day,” which is a compensated day for full-time faculty.

Data Inquiry Group on eliminating the known gaps in the Basic Skills pathways- the Group could be BSI members, but include members of the community for a broader dialogue. Kris thought the DIG should be BS Committee members.

4 hour Basic Skills Retreat (similar to Canada College)- An opportunity to provide input back to our committee. This could occur during our regular meeting time. The Retreat could be on a Friday with flex credit.

Gary thinks BSC has a pretty low profile, and faculty would need some immediate benefit to wanting to participate. The Committee suggested choosing a different name – success, engagement? Kris noted that engagement is one of the objectives under Goal B of the Strategic Plan, so we could use this as an opportunity to brainstorm strategies. What about meeting twice a month? Several people supported this idea, but only if we have structured agendas with something to accomplish (as above). Carlos asked if possibly the second meeting could be optional, as needed. The Group agreed this is a good approach. First Friday would be 2 hours (as now), and third Friday 8:30-10.

Basic Skills Coordinator – Lauren’s task

- Pathway redesign
- Professional Development curriculum
- Co-coordinating embedded Counseling sessions
Disabilities Resources and College skills have discussed embedding assistive technology in the curriculum. Lauren is meeting with DRD to discuss.