9/7/12 BSC Minutes

Present: Victor Cummings, Julie Muzzatti, Kris Abrahamson, Brad Davis, Gary Allen, Lauren Servais, KC Greaney, Carlos Valencia, Connie Gozzarino, Joel Gordon, Monica Mendoza, Lauralyn Larsen and Ann Foster

1. Minutes Review: send out minutes again and invite comments for approval

   Chancellor’s report:

   Lauralyn Larsen has replaced Robert Chudnofsky, Li Collier has not started work yet, take Cheryl Dunn’s name off membership list.

2. Announcements:

   a) Hispanic Serving Institute plans will dovetail nicely with BSC goals – application grant proposal to be in place by Dec/Jan. SRJC is applying for Emerging Hispanic Serving Institute status – we don’t have the #s for a full designation. We met #s as of 2011. Not sure if SRJC will get money this year or not – we should make the requirements for 2012. Joel reported the Ann Casey Report stated CA ranks 43rd out of 50 in terms of education quality or funding. 10% of high school juniors ranked 10% in geometry.

   b) Julie reported two new things in College Skills: they split math into two 8 week sessions allowing more flexibility, accelerated pathway started F2012 – the project will expand and grow. Connie said accelerated College Skills math classes did not fill – 372/150A would have been an easier accelerated course to fill – it is a challenge to put students into the accelerated classes (financial aid could be jeopardized) – with changes to bogy fee waiver coming in 2013, now you have only six years to use federal financial aid for AA and BA degrees. Ann reported there has been high success with ENGL 306 over last few semesters with 7 units. A bit risky to have so many units attached to a class if the student does not pass.

   c) Smart Start counseling over summer did happen thanks to Connie.

   d) Committee maintenance: KC was not listed as a management position – to clarify, we can change our charter to add the Director of IR as part of the BSI committee. KC said it is fine to leave as is: she is a member (not ex-officio).

   e) Ann Foster has been the co-chair of BSI in the past, she has been asked to move into a position at the California Community Colleges Support Network - 3CSN as regional Coordinator of No. California. She hopes to have an event in Petaluma in spring 2013. Reading apprenticeship, acceleration, or habits of mind. She will no longer be able to be the faculty co-chair of BSI. We do not have a system for electing a faculty co-chair – it was recommended people think about their interest and either nominate themselves or someone else. It should be voted electronically before the next meeting. Should our student representatives vote? Yes. Only committee members should be able to vote. Everyone should let Victor know by Wednesday, October 12th of their interest and nominations – Victor will email out a vote request.

3. CCCCO Report: due 10/10/12

Victor will prepare this report and will bring a final draft to the 10/5/12 meeting with financial records. Funding has dropped from $400,000 a year down to $116,000 for 2012-2013. Spending needs to be broken down by counseling, tutoring, etc.

Writing assignment: what would we have done differently? Victor will be the editor for the final
copy but would like input from committee members. This is a very different question from last year’s report.

Cohort tracking tool: Datamart on Chancellors website - it is possible for any discipline to choose a course and find out how many students passed that course and subsequent courses in a pathway. Math, English, and ESL are included. We are requested to pick one cohort – we could focus on ESL or Math. KC suggested each department representing a pathway go to your department and talk about the cohort analysis. Do we use students who are eligible to take the transfer course or who enroll in the transfer course? Depends on students’ goal. There is a webinar on Sept 20th that should be watched put on by Barbara Illowsky of Chancellors office. Victor should email webinar information out to committee members.

We meet again on 10/5 and we can focus on action items and long term goals. Decisions about funding were already developed during spring 2012.

Ann will email the pre and post surveys to Connie, Julie and Gary that she used last semester to be used for this semester and Connie’s visits to classrooms.

4. Committee goals and projects for 2012-2013:
Long term goals and action plan activities were worked on in spring 2012 – counseling visits to BSI classes could be a long term goal.

Goal A4 should be re-written since A&R and Counseling cannot require students to begin 300 level courses (English classes were full after priority registration 3) – the language could be changed to read “encouraged” or “suggested” instead of “required”. Instead of reading that we should work with A&R to develop procedures to work with other departments to fix problem, Victor will rewrite A4 and send out to committee, but goal uses word plan.

Connie asked if data coming from 3 groups can be sent out to entire committee – deadline is Friday, Sept. 28th to get to Debbie and it can be sent out with agenda and minutes on Monday, Oct 1st.

Julie said she feels the draft of goals is too long and not able to be done via email. It will have to be discussed at the next meeting.

BSI funds a lot of tutoring – this will remain one of our goals. Counseling visits are important and will remain a goal.

Is the BSI funding susceptible to possible budget cuts if Prop 30 does not pass? Victor said yes – no specific evidence, but keep hearing that anything is possible.

Tutoring, counseling, placement assessment, IR, learning community, professional development – Joel wants to know if we can only fund two areas and fund fully. This committee makes a recommendation and Mary Kay makes the final decision.

Faculty nominations, 3 departments looking at data and sending to VC by 9/28, looking at long term goals, pick 2-3 areas to focus on, how to get more basic skills students to take tutoring.

Adjourned at 11:00
Next meeting October 5, 2012