STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Strengthening Student Success Conference**
**Date:** 10/7/09  10/9/09  
**Location:** San Francisco Airport Marriott  
**Price:** $375 per person  
**Description:** The 2009 conference will explore the integration of evidence into practice. In addition to short briefings, keynote presentations, and traditional conference sessions, participants will have the opportunity to attend work sessions based on communities of practice, join half-day intensive sessions, and spend time networking. Conference strands will address cross-cutting issues such as "Leadership and Sustainability" and "Assessment Tools."

**Reading Apprenticeship Summer 2009 Institute**
**Date:** 8/3/09 – 8/5/09  
**Location:** Santa Ana  
**Price:** $1,200 per participant  
**Description:** Learning Objectives:
- Participants acquire an understanding of Reading Apprenticeship as an instructional framework.
- Participants learn to engage students in collaborative inquiry about their varied reading processes, fostering "metacognitive conversation" in classrooms.
- Teachers learn to make the complex, invisible processes they use as readers visible to students.
- Teachers learn how to apprentice students to the disciplinary ways of reading and thinking that are needed for success in college.
- Teachers learn to make changes in their classroom practice to build on students' strengths as readers and learners.
- Teachers learn to successfully engage students in more reading and toward improved learning outcomes.
- Videos and texts from community college classrooms form the basis of this inquiry-based learning experience.

**Building Student Success: Planning, Implementing and Evaluating a Student Success Initiative**
**Date:** 4/24/09 from 8:30am – 1:00pm  
**Location:** Santa Barbara  
**Description:** Agenda:
- SBCC’s Planning Process: From the Academic Senate’s Student Success Initiative to the Partnership for Student Success
- Program Descriptions and Q&A: Gateway, Writing Center, Math Lab, Academic Achievement Zone
- Evaluating Student Success Initiatives
Visits to the Four Program Centers

Critical Thinking: The Vital Connection among Developmental Courses
Date: 4/23/09 1:00pm-3:00pm
Location: Webinar
Cost: $250
Description: Learning Objectives:

- Why is critical thinking the vital connection among developmental courses?
- What exactly is critical thinking?
- What is an argument?
- How do we identify arguments?
- How do we identify deductive and inductive arguments?
- Why is the translation of verbal statements to symbolic statements and symbolic statements back to verbal statements a key aspect of critical thinking in developmental mathematics, reading, and writing?
- 7. How do we analyze reasoning and evaluate that reasoning according to the intellectual standards of (i) validity and soundness for deductive arguments, and (ii) strength and cogency for inductive arguments.

Basic Skills Regional Meeting: Northern California
Date: 4/9/09 – 4/10/09
Location: Sacramento, CA
Price: Free
Description: The Academic Senate will host a number of events in 2009 geared toward assisting Career Technical Educators with students with basic skills needs. These meetings will focus on contextualized teaching and learning. The objective of these workshops is to inform CTE Deans, and CTE and basic skills faculty about contextualized teaching and learning and get them motivated to learn more. Attendees will experience and be introduced to the following:

- Common misconceptions about students with basic skills needs.
- Contextualized Teaching and Learning (CTL) methodologies.
- Barriers and opportunities for bringing CTL to their campuses.
- A showcase of students describing their excitement as participants in contextualized learning programs.
- Examples of contextualized lessons and critiques of them.
- Create activities that provide them with walk-away products that they can take back to their campuses.