Student Success Committee

2009-2010 Proposed Mission and Goals

Mission

The Pierce College Student Success Committee is dedicated to identifying students in need of essential math, reading, writing, ESL, study, and learning skills necessary for retention and success in college level work. Timely, relevant, and effective instructional and support services will be developed and implemented to provide each student with basic, transferable competencies necessary for lifelong success.

Goals

1. Enhance Pierce College’s capacity to support and retain basic skills students.

2. Create a data-driven profile of basic skills needs at Pierce College through comprehensive, nuanced assessment and evaluation tools.

3. Expand the Learning Center into the campus focal point for academic support for basic skills students.

4. Strengthen and support the existing professional development effort by providing faculty and staff with cohesive, ongoing learning opportunities to enhance students’ basic skills leading to their success in all course work.

5. Increase student success and retention in math, English, and ESL courses utilizing innovative teaching and learning strategies based on proven effective methods.

6. Develop sound instructional practices that increase math, reading, writing, ESL, study and learning skills across the curriculum, including in Career and Technical Education areas.

Summary of Current Activities

Learning Communities

Summer Bridge
ASAP
Auto/Math and Auto/English

The Learning Center
Reading Plus software
Revised staffing plan

Professional Development Activities

1.5 Generation Conference
BSI Regional Conferences
Student Success Webinar series
Reading Apprenticeship
Convocation
Reading Certificate

English/Math Support
Math Jam
English Jam
Modularized Math courses

Student Support Systems
Online advisement system
FIG: Assessment tools
Early alert system
Computerized assessment system

Contextualized Basic Skills

185 – One-Unit Essential Skills courses
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