Student Success Committee
Wed., Nov. 28
MINUTES

1. MSP to approve agenda

2. Co-chairs report: Joy/Izzy
   Steering Committee meeting of Nov. 7 was briefly reviewed; it included discussions on funding, consolidating our plan into major initiatives and preparing an agenda for this meeting
   - Budget update: Joy gave a brief update on the budget, which is included in the steering committee minutes of Nov. 7
   - LACCD Student Success Initiative: a copy of the Framework for Student Success, a product of the LACCD Student Success Committee, was distributed and that this committee is pursuing activities on a district wide basis. Each college has 3 representatives on it. Ours are Joy, Tom and Izzy.

3. Strengthening Student Success Conference report: attendees shared brief highlights of the October conference:
   Donna: a workshop providing voices (testimonials) from students on success issues
   Bob: the use of 2 week intensive workshops in preparation for courses in math
   Phyllis: excellent keynote speakers like Victor Tinto and Kirsten: the idea of trying new ideas in class like groups quizzes
   Nabil: the idea that it is important to know who our students are
   Izzy: a 0.5 unit science skills class that can be paired with any science class to improve the success of students

4. Math Department Presentation and Proposal (attachment):
   Bob introduced a project, Math Algebra Project, that is taking place in math that provide Moodle based lessons in algebra focusing on providing better quantitative literacy for students. Key points are: the way students are taught matters, effective teaching involves making connections, allowing time for student to wrestle with the material, and more hands on work in the classroom. Kathy and Bruce gave the background to the project and some examples of how it works. They have submitted a request for funds to support creation of more lessons in this format.

5. Student Success Plan: 2006-7 and 2007-8 (attachment): Joy briefly reviewed the complete plan success plan and its connection with the objectives in Goal 2 of the Pierce Master Plan.

6. Noticed Funding Proposals: A number of proposals for funding from the committee were provided. They included:
   - Library 6.2 60% Counselor 6.3 Izzy reassigned time
   - 6.4 F/T ASO Advisor and Information Desk Support
   - 6.5 Student Success website manager reassigned time
   Funding of these proposals will be discussed at our next meeting. Any other proposals should be submitted to the co-chairs.

7. Major Student Success Initiatives: As a result of the earlier steering committee meeting, it was decided to put forth a set of broad initiatives that subgroups of the committee could focus on.
Smaller groups provide a much better set up for scheduling meetings and making progress on these initiatives than working with the entire committee. The committee agreed. The following seven initiatives were proposed and reviewed. There was a suggestion that 7.3 and 7.4 be combined because of their similarity.

7.1 Developmental Education Working Group that will review and evaluate the Dev. Ed. program, its curriculum, including the assessment and counseling component, to see how it can better meet the needs of our students.

7.2 Learning/Social Communities Group to evaluate and potentially expand the learning communities concept, including the need for any support services, and explore other variations of student social communities.

7.3 Professional Development for Student Success Group to review and plan the role that professional development will play in supporting student success efforts at the college. This group will also coordinate the Spring convocation event.

7.4 Teaching and Learning Center Evaluation Group to research and evaluate the role that a “Teaching and Learning Center” at Pierce might play.

7.5 “Starting New Students Right” Group to plan and coordinate a broad range of activities involved in directing and supporting new students at Pierce.

7.6 Student Success Workshop Program Group to analyze and potentially expand the program to better serve our students needs.

7.7 The Learning Center Group to evaluate current and future goals and needs of the Learning Center in its support of student success.

7.8 Recruiting volunteers and planning group meetings: Volunteers were requested for each of the groups with the goal of having each group start meeting in January to discuss their project and start developing goals.

8. Student Success Committee Charter task force: tabled