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Trinity Valley Community College
SACS Reaffirmation Project
Learning Initiative Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2005

Meeting held in LRC Building Room 245 from 2:00 - 4:00PM

Learning Initiative Council Members

Present: Director Kay Pulley, Dean McMillen, Vicki Dossett, Linda Gann, Janet Lumpkin, Wanda Mayes, Rob Risko, Russell Self, Terry Spurlock

Absent: Judy Callicoatt, Vicki Dossett, Eric Moseley

Also Present: Andrea LaCross

1. The meeting was brought to order by Director Kay Pulley. Terry Spurlock, chair of the LI Technology Team, presented to the Council an introduction of RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feeds and “blogging.” The presentation included a demonstration on the ease and capabilities of creating web pages and attaching links to include relevant materials to utilize with classes and promote interaction between students and faculty. “Blogging,” or online journaling, gives options for both students and faculty to communicate in stream conversations and is a flexible and simple tool to use. After the presentation, Terry Spurlock informed the Council of his need to return to his office to attend to immediate matters, but assured everyone if there were any questions or if he could help in any way to contact him.
2. Kay Pulley asked the Council to review and approve the minutes from the September 30, 2005 meeting.

Action Item: Council approved minutes.
3. Report was given by Kay Pulley on the action items from September 30, 2005 LI Meeting. The Committee on College Planning accepted the request for student email addresses and other pertinent information to be captured during registration.

Linda Gann questioned Council as to the legality of transmitting grades and other important data via email.

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Dean McMillen said that policy procedures needed to be looked into and added that if the information is in the directory it is considered public information.

4. The Council reviewed the 1st Power Point presentation given at the Fall 2005 In-Service and the new and revised packet of objectives and goals.
5. The latest LI graphic map was distributed and reviewed by the Council.

It was stated that Wanda Mayes was taking the Chair position of the newly formed Reading Team. Currently she is actively recruiting team members.

6. Kay Pulley challenged the Council to consider a shortened QEP statement to an “easy-to-remember” slogan. This could be added to the already existing extended statement.
7. The first Lunch-and-Learn plans were announced. Mike Abbott, Dean of Information Technology Services will be presenting technical information available to campuses and personnel. The meeting is expected to be recorded for those who cannot attend.
8. The Summit topic was re-visited by the Council and considerations of who would be involved and what topic would be proposed.
9. The possibility of Council members conducting individual class focus groups was discussed.
10. Engagement Team reported: Ideas for the Spring “Inside and outside” Classroom Pilot projects were needed. Russell Self said that WebCT could be utilized as an outside supplemental instructional tool. He added that the text books had already been bought that included CD and learning skills. Russell Self suggested that workshops could be held to teach students how to access info etc.

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11. Academy Team Reported: Linda Gann updated LI Council on the previous academy meeting and expressed that ideas were coming forth from the team and ideas for the Spring 2006 In-Service presentation was being discussed.
12. Reading Team Reported: On a lighter note, after the Council's persuasion, Kay Pulley read a poem written by one of TVCC's previous womens' basketball team which had been submitted to a coach apologizing for "lifting" reading material from the LRC for a school report. Though this incident, an idea for "Inside-Outside" classroom engagement for the Reading Team was created
13. Update Team Reported: Eric Moseley requested that materials for the newsletter be forwarded to him. Currently, plans are to publish an LI update for all campuses one a month.
14. Assessment Team Reported: Kay Pulley and Dean McMillen reported that the Pre-TASP reading test results (which was given the first of the semester on all campuses) was still being cleaned up. Also discussed was the recent success of Vicki Dossett's classroom visit and teaching on study-skills which had been requested by a faculty member. After some investigation, statistics showed improvement in the students' test scores after the mini-workshop compared to the previous year of testing scores.
15. Council was informed that Judy Callicoatt was involved in Clinicals and would be for the next 2 meetings. Also, the next LI Council meeting would be held November 11, 2005 at 2PM in the LRC Room 245.
16. Meeting adjourned at 4PM.