

DRAFT



Trinity Valley Community College
SACS Reaffirmation Project
Learning Initiative Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes – November 11, 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, Eric Moseley, Rob Risko,

Absent: Judy Callicoatt, Russell Self, Terry Spurlock

1. Meeting was called to order by Director Kay Pulley at 2:30 PM. The Engagement Team had met prior to the LI meeting with refreshments provided and the Team and Council interacted for a period of time.
2. LI minutes from the October 21, 2005 were read and approved by the Council.
3. Poster campaign ideas were discussed by the Council and a visual Graphics map was presented depicting a highway with text to include: "Learning and Engaged." The map is expected to be sent to the TVCC Print Shop for design.

Action item: Finalize poster graphic and send over to Print Shop.

4. Assessment Team reported: Vicki Dossett informed the Council about LASSI testing and the possibilities of obtaining booklets and videos to deal with LASSI issues. The status of the post pre-TASP testing was discussed. CAAPS was discussed including the process of administering the CAAPs test and campus effort to get volunteer graduates to take the tests.

Vicki Dossett included handouts for the Council members to review concerning conducting group tests and announced the beginning formulations of TVCC's Student Networking Groups which is a simplified adaptation of the successful FIGs (Freshman Interest Groups) programming at Universities.

DRAFT

5. Engagement Team Reported: Janet Lumpkin related to the Council that her team had just met which included Elizabeth Starek, Mike Peek, Angela Woodard, Rob Risko, and Ray Huttel along with Kay Pulley and Jeremy McMillen. A key issue of classroom incivility was discussed and suggestions such as a training In-Service for faculty was considered. The group voted to use the following two project ideas as Spring pilot programs:
 1. CDs and website training provided with textbooks (Outside the classroom). Russell Self was to be contacted to begin work on CD textbook training pilot.
 2. Student Networking Groups. (Inside the classroom).

Action Item: Contact Russell Self concerning CD textbook project.

6. Wanda Mayes was asked to report and she discussed the newly created Reading Team and handed Council members materials related to a program called Smart Thinking which RT members learned about during an on-campus presentation. Also discussed, was the Weaver program that Palestine currently utilizes for their Developmental courses. Plans are underway to establish open learning labs. Reading areas are being created on the Athens campus and a special program where students will read to Nursing Home residents is being developed. Discussion included ideas for combined Learning Labs and the possibility of combining Carl Perkins, Trio, and new Learning Lab concepts. The goal is to build a plan and present it for consideration.

Dean McMillen related that both he and Kay Pulley would be reporting to the SACS Leadership Team on available baseline data and the proposed LI pilot programs anticipated to begin Spring of 2006.

Action Item: Dean McMillen and Kay Pulley to report to the SACS Leadership Team during the next upcoming scheduled meeting.

7. The latest LI graphic map was given to the Council with changes and updates noted.
8. Focus group questions were discussed with the Council. All members were encouraged to have class or classes discuss focus questions or

DRAFT

actually answer them in written form. A discussion on classroom decorum included ideas such as: A scholarship or Honors orientation program, student behavior contracts, a student or Honors Court, an adapted code of conduct (such as SMU or Angelo State) and the need for administration to enforce any adopted plans.

9. Reformulation of Summit plans was discussed and Lunch and Learn ideas were put on hold until Spring 2006.

Action Item: Either plan Summit or prepare another meeting concept.

10. Eric Moseley asked for any additions or changes to upcoming newsletter. Work on update was to proceed.
11. Linda Gann shared a summary of Learning Academy news. Plans for Scholars to change a Spring course are underway.
12. No Technology Team Report
13. The date for the Spring 2006 In-Service was discussed and the proposed LI Council meeting for January 4th, 2006 was confirmed based on the In-Service presentation January 9th, 2006.
14. The next LI Council meeting was announced for December 2, 2005.
15. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.