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**Trinity Valley Community College
SACS Reaffirmation Project
Learning Initiative Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2006**

Meeting held in LRC Building, Room 245 2:00PM – 4:30 PM

Learning Initiative Council Members

Present: Director Kay Pulley, Dean McMillen, Judy Callicoatt, Vicki Dossett, Linda Gann, Janet Lumpkin, Wanda Mayes, Russell Self

Absent: Eric Moseley, Rob Risko, Terry Spurlock

Also Present: Andrea LaCross

Director Kay Pulley called the LI Council meeting to order at 2:00PM. The Council was asked to review the minutes from the December 2, 2005 LI Council meeting.

Action Item: Council approved minutes as read.

Action Items from the December 2, 2005 minutes were updated. Items included (1) No focus groups conducted (2) Continual consideration to be given the LMP (3) Student Networking Group Teacher Manuals to be finalized after meeting. (4) Janet Lumpkin's graphics for PowerPoint ready for presentation. (5) Russell Self prepared to present textbook website at In-Service. (6) Math book title to be communicated to Linda Gann.

LI Council secretary, Andrea LaCross announced her resignation to the Council effective as of January 12, 2006. Additional comments by Andrea LaCross included a step of personally committing to the challenge of engaging students at TVCC (along with faculty and staff) and accepting a position with The Ark as an outreach to TVCC as the Christian Student Center. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with everyone and complimented the LI Council on their dedication, loyalty and persistence to move into the future as a "learning centered college."

In other business, preparation and discussion for the January 9, 2006 Spring In-Service was initiated. Materials concerning the In-Service and outlines of Team assignments were distributed. The following is a run down of scheduled In-Service programming and LI Council discussion.

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1. The Vision: Rob Risko to present development of the Strategic Plan for TVCC.
2. The Discoveries: Vicki Dossett to present information on the gathering of data through pre and post reading tests, the short engagement survey, LASSI assessments, and CAAPS testing.

Council discussion: Dean McMillen presented preliminary testing data revealing less than encouraging numbers. Vicki Dossett questioned the Council to consider evaluating students only in designated groups. Kay Pulley asked if perhaps there was not enough incentive for the students during the post testing. She went on to add that sample numbers would be analyzed and a possibility for narrowing the gathering of data would be considered. Linda Gann discussed how students maneuver around applying reading skills. Russell Self suggested course specific questions with consideration to include those tests into the grades. Questions continued as to effective and efficiency issues to test every semester and was there a better testing tool to utilize.

Testing topic was tabled until further analysis of statistics. Dr. Sharon Pate was mentioned as a consultant to contact and assist in direction of future content mastery in subject matter and assessing students.

Action Item: Announcement was made that Dr. Huffstutler had named Russell Self as the new Developmental Math Coordinator for the TVCC system.

3. The Journey: Wanda Mayes to present incentives to enhance environment for reading (SUB and HOST program). Also, she will discuss present work on discipline specific reading tests in development. Fryinator Readability software was given as potential program purchase.

Linda Gann to present Learning Academy for Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 activities, Learning Day and Lunch and Learn Plans

Janet Lumpkin to present basic ideas of student engagement for consideration and complex idea of “Student Networking Groups” plan. Also, she will announce the meeting for Pilot programming participants at 12:30 to be held after the general session.

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Russell Self to present ideas for CD/Website textbook training.

Judy Callicoatt to present how specific engagement ideas have been developed and tested well for the Nursing Programs.

Eric Moseley to possibly present written updates (and update team to Circulate materials) and consider responses to what people would prefer to receive in terms of LI news. Update team is expected to begin communicating LI news to student groups in the Spring.

Kay Pulley reminded the Council that SACS will be looking for every individual on each campus to know and relate what the QEP stands for and the role it plays at TVCC. She encouraged the prominent and frequent use of the LI logo and to continue to answer questions and promote the LI to the college community.

Meeting times for Spring 2006 would be discussed after semester begins.

LI Council meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.