Basic Skills Steering Committee Minutes
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011  3:00pm – 4:00pm
LC 109

ATTENDEES
Susan Andrien, Cheo Massion, Jim Arnold, Luz Moreno, Becky Reetz, Melody Creel, Rose Thompson

AGENDA ITEMS

BSI ANNUAL REPORT AND PROPOSAL FOR 2011-2012 FY
The committee discussed ARCC data and the accuracy of the coding that has been done for COM’s BSI courses at the state level. (Susan’s email to Chialin and Melody on 9/14/11) BSI completion rates have remained relatively steady, but low, over the past three years. Improvement rates are up also. There is no data for math improvement rates, and we aren’t sure why. Another question is why Math85 students are not moving into Math95 – a scheduling issue/conflict? Long term goals for BSI are needed for the new report, due October 10, and we recommend that specific outcomes are set for related goals. The committee discussed how we can develop and use successful strategies to engage all BSI faculty in this effort. A discussion and follow-up with Dr. Coon was suggested in order to further our discussion we had started with him in August.

Other questions based on the data: are students of color being correctly placed at the beginning (assessment), and why aren’t they succeeding and improving at a higher rate? As Scott Lay addressed the faculty at Convocation – it’s not the teachers to blame, improvement rates need to increase across the state – and this might be a good starting off point for engaging our BSI faculty. An idea was put forth to workshop with all BSI faculty – math and English – with Dr. Coon and Angelina as facilitators/participants.

With Data Analysis section – there is interest in transition for noncredit to credit. One idea is an ESL GED for AB540 status students to help ESL Level40 students to move into credit.

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS – FRANK CROSBY
College for All Partnership (CAP) Video celebration Frank Crosby submitted a proposal to produce a video for potential COM students and their parents to be come more familiar with the COM campus, its specific resources, and faculty and staff who work here. Current students will be interviewed and share their experiences.

BSISC has asked Frank to clarify the budget (who is being paid for what work) and who is responsible for content review. And get back to us for further consideration.

ROAD TO SUCCESS
Road to Success 2011 had increased participation this year on KTD – 1800 lottery tickets were entered. RTS also was done for the first time on the IVC campus the following week. Committee members discussed how to increase staff participation in the planning and execution of the event for RTS 2012. Cheo and Becky will report later on how this may be done so that more people can be involved to distribute the workload.