Meeting Summary
October 15, 2013

Present: Anna Pilloton, Jonathan Eldridge, Rhonda Jones (Staff Resource), Derek Levy, Sara McKinnon (Guest), Luz Moreno, Meg Pasquel, Becky Reetz

Absent: Steve Petker, Lance Reyes

Guest: Brendan Jackson

Agenda and Summary Approval

- The meeting agenda was approved.
- The summary for the 9/17/13 meeting was approved, with a typo correction under “Announcements”.

Review of Midterm Report

Sara - The Midterm Report has been completed and submitted to WASC. SAS Committee areas of interest:

- Distance Education Plan
- Professional Development Plan
- Student Success
- SLO’s (ongoing assessment)

Sara is presently pulling together data from the dashboards for areas completing Full Program Reviews this year. She will create spreadsheets of the data and post it online.

Jon – In December, the Chancellor’s Office will hold a meeting regarding “Academic Success of Underrepresented Students”, pointing the way to the creation of a new Student Equity Plan. The Chancellor’s Office has provided a draft template for the Student Equity Plan for community colleges to review and use to update their own. Colleges’ final versions are due in October 2014, around the same time that SSP plans are due, and the two plans are interconnected.

SB 150 and AB 60 - Luz

SB 150 has passed and will allow undocumented high school students to take college classes at in-state fees, instead of having to pay out-of-state costs. Information is being sent to local high schools to disseminate to students.
Luz, Derek, and Anna will investigate COM policies for anything requiring a 2.0 GPA for high school students to enroll. They will update the Committee at a November meeting.

AB 60 has been passed allowing undocumented immigrants to get drivers’ licenses. This document could be one of the two proofs of residency needed for students to attend COM. However, this document would only prove state residency and not U.S. residency. Historically, COM has required proof of U.S. residency before allowing these students to register. The Committee may have to provide a recommendation to A/R that they accept CA drivers’ licenses as proof of residency. Diane will be asked to do some research as to what Title V actually allows.

13-14 Work Plan

Luz, Derek, and Anna will talk to Diane in A/R about procedures for undocumented high school students to register.

The Development Math Task Force has been assembled. Cari and Jon will update the Committee later this semester. On October 31st, Sara Moore of the Education Advisory Board will be on campus to make a presentation. Local high schools have expressed interest in making the transition to college math more seamless for students.

The Student Transportation Work Group is working on their Charter and should be ready for a Committee presentation soon. They are working with local agencies to find solutions.

Jon will send out the presentation he made to PRAC on the SSP. Student Services’ work group representatives will be invited to SAS meetings to provide updates on project progress and present their Project Charters.

COM should be signed up for the “Community College Survey of Student Engagement” by the end of the month. The survey will be administered to students in Spring 2014.

Canal Alliance and COM will host the film "Understanding Immigration Reform Forum - No Dumb Questions," featuring immigration activist, Erika Andiola, on Friday, October 25th, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (bring your lunch).

Other Issues/Announcements

Sara hosted a table at the Venetia Valley school fall carnival for ESL students. The principal expressed an interest in having a COM ESL teacher conduct classes there, as their folks face transportation challenges reaching COM. Sara has some faculty hours that she will probably schedule for that location.
The new GED test will come out in January 2014, and will require short essay answers, be more subjective and AI graded. Meg suggested that the Committee discuss GED testing at a future meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5th in SS A&B. Please submit any agenda items that you want included by noon on the preceding Tuesday.