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

Absent: Jonathan Eldridge, Student Representative (not yet selected for this year)

Approval of Agenda and Summaries

- The meeting agenda was approved.
- The meeting summaries for 5/6/14 and 6/17/14 were approved.

Elections

Due to conflicting responsibilities, Jon will no longer be Chair of this Committee.

Anna nominated and Meg seconded a motion nominating Derek for the position of Chair. The motion was carried by the Committee.

SSSP Plan Draft

Derek presented the draft SSSP Plan to the Committee for review and discussion. This document outlines COM’s core services and how SSSP funds will be spent this year. The group made the following suggestions regarding the document:

- The inclusion of all COM counselor’s names, categorical programs as well as general counselors
- In “Orientation” sections, the inclusion of information on this year’s Summer Bridge program
- In “Assessment” sections, the inclusion of:
  - ESL, English Skills, and the Math Department’s plans to assess the Accuplacer system this year
  - Sara’s work in reference to Noncredit ESL (CELSA) assessment.
  - The partnership this year of BSI and SSSP for a Math Jam preparation for assessment
- In “Policies and Professional Development” sections:
  - Include information on the Academic and Financial Aid student petitioning process
  - Rephrase the Puente Program information
“Allies” Questions from Convocation Presentation

The group discussed the following challenges students face at COM and how best to assist them in their struggles:

- “Pay as You Go” has been a challenge for students and counselors this fall. This topic needs to be better explained in orientations and addressed in the Student Equity Plan.
- Placement test taking skills and preparation needs to be better addressed and presented in student orientations.
- “Student Home Culture” issues need to be considered, and how COM can positively impact these concerns.

Student Safety and Sexuality Committee

This group would like to become a formal committee and it has been suggested it be advisory to the Student Access and Success committee in the latter’s role in the COM governance system. It is considering the creation of a charter and plans for the year.

Facilitation of 9/16 Meeting

Derek will be attending a conference at the time of the next SAS meeting. Becky volunteered to chair the SAS meeting and continue the discussion of the SSSP Plan.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16th. Please submit any agenda items that you want included by noon on the preceding Tuesday.