

Learning Communities

(AQIP 08-2)

Sixth Meeting – June 30, 2008 (12:00- 1:30PM)

The following people were present:, Barbara Goodman, Darren Henderson, Mike Kenny, Joe Kovach, Dan Lowery, Dionne-Jones-Malone, Cheryl Peek, Jonnarda Tolbert, Jaime Turner, Chuck Walz and Gene Finnegan

The following information and decisions took place:

- There is a new web site for the AQIP projects that is in progress.
<http://199.8.156.39/aqip/index.html>.
- The current number of LC students is 50. There are only 30 available slots open – A = 8, B = 18, C = 20, and D = 4.
- The meeting with the LC instructors was a good first step but there will have to be at least one more meeting with the LC 20081 Instructors in August before classes start. (See the attached summary by Chris Buczinsky)
- There are some students in the GENL 100 not in the LC communities.
- The LC students of A, B, C, and D will be grouped together in the College Survivor course (GENL 100)
- Other students not in the LC groups will be added to A, B, C, and D for the GENL 100.
- The grading for the GENL 100 class will be
 - Drop = never attends any of the five sessions
 - Incomplete = misses one of the five sessions
 - Pass = attends all five sessions
 - Incompletes must be made up by Friday and Saturday classes.
 - Incomplete becomes a failure if the student fails to make up classes.
 - The F then makes that student unable to sign up for the second semester classes.
- All LC students must be full time freshman (taking at least 12 credit hours) with less than 15 hours transferred and taking at least two or the three linked courses.
- No part-time students will be involved with LC groups
- Students will be encouraged to stay with their group until the end of the first semester.
- The LC groups will meet with Instructors and Mentors on the Wednesday of the GENL 100 course for lunch.
- There will be no portfolios for the LC students
- The only social activities planned right now are internal monthly lunches and extracurricular CCSJ activities to be determined by the Instructors.
- For the second semester career activity presentations are planned.
- Right now there are 4 planned SI for the first semester

- Mentors will meet with Instructors on a weekly basis for the first two weeks, and then twice a month and monthly afterwards as needs are determined.
- Communication between the Instructors and Mentors via email is encouraged.
- At present there will be no LC program beyond the second semester.
- Summer 20083 (2009) is set and will remain as is.
- PACE students will have additional workshops whether in the LC or not.
- We have to be careful about financial aid implications for the students in the LC.
- Hopefully a Lilly Grant will help fund some of the LC activities.
- Many of the loose ends about LC were taken care of so that the next meeting will be in August.

- **This group (AQIP 08-2) will meet again on Monday, August 4, at 12:00 in room 306**

The following items will be discussed at the next meeting on August 4:

- Setting a date, time, and place for LC Instructors of the semester 20081 to review links and LC understanding;
- Review enrollment to determine if a fifth LC group would be needed and how to place and staff it;
- Review the late enrollees and their success or failure by Chuck Walz and their impact on the LC program;
- Any other items that needs immediate attention.