

Triton College Faculty Senate
Standing Sub-committee on
Academic Support
Meeting Minutes
11/06/17

Members Present: Reginia Hughes, , Melanie Olivera-Jones, , Bill Nedrow, , Patrice Prentiss,
Hanan Merheb

Members Absent: Corey Williams, Pat Varga, Beth Dunn, Debbie Baness-King, Denise Jones, Joel
Reynoso, Aja Gorham

The meeting began at 2pm

The (last month's) Minutes were approved

New members were present None

Updates on Old Business

Debbie Baness-King informed Rob Connor and he the committee that when the term "Learning Resource Center" (LRC) was originally applied, it comprised several services then current including the Library. Therefore the term was not Library specific. This significantly changes the approach that must be taken to get the Library designated the "Center for Inter-disciplinary Studies."

Noel Reynoso submitted the following concerning Peer Mentoring Collaborative (PMC):

1. PMC has peer mentors in 22 dev. Ed MATH & RHT courses (13 Math, 9 RHT)
2. PMC has a peer mentor in one MAT 111 section this semester.
3. PMC has coverage in 15 Career and Technical sections, in programs such as ENT, VIC, and the Allied Health programs
 - a. We also covered two SPE 101 sections

Total: 40 sections have been covered for the 2017 Fall semester under the Peer Mentoring Collaborative

- Our peer mentors are usually referred to us by faculty, or by trusted staff members.
- Faculty members that wish to have a peer mentor in their class MUST attend a training session for faculty. A stipend of \$100 is offered for the training. More than 34 faculty members have attended the training thus far. (May 2016 – Present)
- We are in the process of incorporating and expanding the role of volunteers from the recently initiated AmeriCorps Affiliate program as peer mentors.
- As of now, our peer mentor ranks derive from the following:

- Triton Works Study
- Federal Work Study
- Perkins Grant Tutors
- Traditional ASC Tutors
- AmeriCorps Volunteers

Our goal is to once again cover 40 section on campus, with a focus on High Enrollment, Low Success courses

New Business

The new digital mentoring program, Brainfuse, is now operational. It is side-by-side with Smart Thinking...until the beginning of Spring semester when only Braifuse will be available.

Rob Connor recounted an experience concerning copyright. While giving a copyright class at CTE he learned that Staff Services will not reproduce any part of a copyrighted work. Since this seemed to contradict what Connor told the attendees about fair use, he decided to look into it further. Student Services will not reproduce any part of a copyrighted work. The reasoning, as I learned, was to protect the college from any potential copyright infringement suits. This is reasonable as long as all faculty have the means to reproduce within the parameters set for fair use in the copyright law of 1976, instructional materials.

This becomes even more of a factor when one considers the effort for Low-Cost/No/Cost/OER resources being tested by the college. Perhaps it is as simple as the college reminding staff and faculty to read and abide by the copyright act of 1976.

Adjournment The next meeting is 12/04/17