Basic Skills Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2014  3:00pm – 4:30pm
SS A & B
Meeting Minutes

Announcements
Sexuality and Safety Series
• Today was the Transgender workshop- great success
• There are 3 more events coming up in April – Dave will send us the flyer electronically

On Course
4 Faculty attending
• Caitlin Escobar- Counseling
• Kristin Perrone- Counseling
• Karen Koenig- College Skills
• Christine Li- Business

Tomorrow is the last day for people to RSVP
Becky will clarify that we want to have debrief meeting and 1 page report from each participant
Tentative Date- May 8th – On course meeting 3-4:30 – Becky will get food and reserve room

FIGs
3 FIGs are happening this spring- some Figs from last year are continuing their work this semester
1 continued fig- Credit/NC ESL mixer
• Student videos of students to show NC students
• ASCOM will be sponsoring the event and purchasing the food
• Students will get Road to Success pens/pencils

Another fig- math 103 books will be in the library for check out

Budget Update
Becky reported that we have around $68,000 left to spend this year

RFP’s
Process for reviewing – we agreed that we would review proposals before the writer of the proposal comes to the meeting so we can formulate questions and review it

Becky will resend the RFP updated form for BSISC to review

Becky and Cheo will craft an email regarding parameters for awarding
Basic guidelines for awarding- Projects must contribute directly to the increasing the retention and success in basic skills math, English and ESL and/or be related professional development

We will send out the RFP at the end of this semester and again at the beginning of the fall

Professional Development Ideas
Great teacher series
Teachers are invited to give their “best lectures” to other teachers – teachers get to leave with materials on what they can do in their own classes
• Suggested “Great Teachers”- Betty Goerke, Deborah Loft, Meg Pasquel
We discussed the possibility of asking if convocation could be moved to earlier in the week during flex. They do it that way at Butte- it gets faculty on campus earlier.

Student panels are great additions to professional development activities
We could create a video- what works for you as a student? How do you learn best?
   Could this be a student project? Semester long for units? Directed study project sponsored by BSI?
Basic Skills video- who are basic skills students?
   Becky will contact Cathy Summa Wolfe regarding what the current video project is- can BSI tag on to the project and have some of the footage?

Tabled for next time- projects completed

Math Task Force
Dave handed off the info on Math Jam to Erik Dunmire
Maula has been gathering data from other colleges regarding their math sequences

Maula presented data on the placement cohorts
   2011 cohort
   - Of those students who took the placement test in 2011- 1571 students- 841 had enrolled in a math class by Spring 2012
   - Of the 841 who enrolled, 712 placed into developmental level, 129 into college level
   - Of those who enrolled in dev level, 42.2% completed their course
   - Of those who completed the course, 50.7% passed
   - Out of all of the students who took the placement test and placed into dev level, 26.3% passed

It’s also disaggregated by ethnicity- Maula will send out to the committee- Becky will also share with SAS committee

The committee discussed a sense of urgency regarding the local high schools and their work around implementing the common core curriculum
   - SR and Novato do not have a trainer coming in- but we want to help
   - Anna will talk to Jon about introducing the idea of supporting Common Core training at the next COMPASS meeting

We will meet on the April 24th to discuss the research BSISC has done regarding math outcomes and innovation happening around the state. Becky will invite Jon and Cari to the meeting.

May 1st meeting- BSISC will meet with members of the Math Task Force to see how our two groups can work together to improve the outcomes of basic skills math at COM

Agenda for April 24th
   - Common Core for establishing rigor- what are the possibilities
   - Math Jam
   - Acceleration –how does BSI define it- what do we want to support
   - Pilot of Stats Path
   - Pre-Reqs – Maula will provide ed code for us to review