



**Achieving the Dream Core Team/Strategic Plan Goal Two Meeting  
December 18, 2013 2:00 pm, SC213, Student Center Haverhill**

**Agenda**

**Attendees:** L. Nadeau, K. Mitchell, P. Schade, C. Cohen, P. Dulchinos, R. Lizotte, J. Abreu, M. Suarez-Shannon, T. Fallon, W. Heineman, G. Young, J. Rogers, D. Perez  
M. Acevedo, T. Favara

**Recorder:** J. Bailey

- 1. Thoughts on the Coaches' visit** – Bill reported that he has not received written comments from Jim from the November visit but the verbal feedback was very positive.

Culture & Equity Team – This is a crucial and difficult issue – conflicting interest. Lane pulled together a meeting with key constituencies on diversity, and this will be a topic at convocation. Josh and Magdalena will meet with Bill to discuss the team's next steps. Bill said he is encouraged that progress will be made and that we may head in a slightly different direction.

Discussion took place about bold strokes – one of Jim's examples was changing course duration: Offering more 8 week classes. Some classes that would be difficult to convert to shorter time frame would be Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Math Literacy. A change like this would take time and much consideration.

- 2. Discussion: Next Steps for our First Year Experience effort**

- Early Alert and CSS have scaled up. It's time to take a breath and talk about logical next steps.
- There was a debate at the All College Assembly about College Success Seminar. Is this the right vehicle for all students? There are strong feelings on both sides and a misunderstanding of what the course is. Trish Schade asked "what are we doing right now"? Most people think CSS is a remedial class. It covers cognitive strategies, goal setting, and foundations – what college is like, what we offer, and connections. Discipline specific classes are being investigated. Often the class won't transfer but the goal is to have students stay. If a course falls outside of a program Financial Aid won't pay.
- Pete asked if a name change would help

- Janice said there is good data. They are looking to hire a full time person who would teach, be the coordinator, do research.
- Grace said it needs to be a college policy.
- College-wide recruitment. Need buy-in.
- Josh asked how do you measure buy-in?
- Data needs to be explained better and more convincingly,
- Testimonials.
- After the ACA meeting Kirsten made a presentation at another meeting.
- Need student feedback
- Bring it to the student senate
- Address specific questions and get it out to as many places as possible. Tell this to the people who are asking. Include real examples of other schools.
- Needs an image re-do. This is not a developmental class.

The group watched a moving video that one of Trish Schade's students had prepared.

### **3. Other Business**

**Next meeting is January 15 SC213 at 3 pm**