



**Achieving the Dream Core Team/Strategic Plan Goal Two Meeting  
March 25, 2013 3:00 pm, SC213**

<b>Minutes</b>
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**Attendees:** W. Heineman, T. Schade, S. Shain, C. McCracken, J. Kamber, M. Suarez-Shannon, J. Rogers, L. Murphy, G. Young, N. Sheridan, R. Lizotte, R. Rose, D. Perez, P. Dulchinos, J. McMilleon, K. Mitchell, N. Custodia-Lora, T. Fallon

**1. ATD Annual Report: Changes in Structure and Group Reflection on Survey**

**Portion of the ATD Annual Report**– Rick Lizotte reviewed the Principles Assessment. He asked all present to complete the survey. He pointed out the following:

- Keep in mind that you may have a limited perspective and that's ok.
- A category has been added for Equity.
- All questions need to be answered. There is no longer a choice of "n/a". Are we doing nothing "1" or a lot "5"?
- Surveys need to be turned in to Rick without names, but he will provide a list of names of those who took the survey.

The group went through the survey and asked for clarification where needed. If further clarification is needed, contact Rick.

**2. Strategy Team Updates**

Trish Shade reported on the Transitions to Academic Success - It is a large diverse group which meets monthly. Trish presented some of the strategies that the group has been using with their classes with:

- "Think Alouds" – discovers student thinking and stumbling blocks
- LC with CSS and MAT021 – Trish will teach using "think alouds" as a warm up for math concepts.
- Talk to text – includes student voice in the reading process – not just words on page but the conversation students are having.
- Double entry journal – talk to text on a separate piece of paper
- Metalog journals – (summary) used with talk to text. – students don't know what they don't know. Helps to catch what they don't know before the test.
- Reading Response Journals

Trish gave several examples of successful results using these strategies, such as more in depth questions in class, higher grade averages, higher completion rates, and higher success rate on state board tests.

Bill Heineman asked “how can we spread the word?” Trish said she would be willing to speak at division or department meetings.

### **3. Other Business**

FYE & Culture & equity will report at **April 24 meeting.**