

# *College Advisory Council*

## *Minutes*

*Monday, February 25, 2008*

*TC103B, L240 Noon - 1:30 pm*

**Call to order: 12:10 pm**

### **Meeting Focus and Introductions:**

- ➔ Terry Cargan, Chair of the Executive Committee, introduced Rick Lizotte and Tom Fallon. This was the second CAC meeting to discuss Achieving the Dream. The focus of this meeting was to review applicable data gathered by Tom and the Data Team, then to discuss possible strategies for increasing student success.
- ➔ **Tom Fallon** briefly presented updated data, then provided the following links for more detailed information:
  - <http://www.necc.mass.edu/facultystaff/>
  - <http://www.necc.mass.edu/irp/index.php>
  - <http://www.necc.mass.edu/irp/planning/index.php>
  - <http://www.necc.mass.edu/irp/planning/dream.php>

He thanked the members of his Data Team: Barb Stachniewicz, Jim Sullivan, Nora Sheridan, Jennifer Long, Jim Cotton and Lorna Walsh. He also gave special thanks to Olivia Kobel and new member of the Data Team, Mark Rheinhold.

- ➔ **Rick Lizotte** began the strategies portion of the session by presenting a Powerpoint—"Food and Fishbones"--and providing an overview of two handouts he'd prepared: one on ATD's target groups; the other entitled "Root Causes by Category for Lack of Success in ATD Cohorts."

This presentation was followed by a breakout session during which each table worked on "Strategies for Improving Student Success" for approximately twenty minutes. Rick then opened up the meeting to a discussion about the results.

- ➔ **Discussion highlights:**
  - Concerns about the lack of data supporting the list of root causes hindering student success.
  - Possible strategies suggested:
    - A more comprehensive orientation for students

- Exploring College Success Seminar possibilities
- Looking at other ways to introduce and reinforce academic survival skills over a span of time.
- Assigning students in a faculty's class as advisees.
- Tightening requirements at the "front end."  
Enforcing proficiencies

**There were no constituency concerns or announcements.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Gene Wintner made a motion to adjourn, Chris DeRosa seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.