



Strategic Plan: Goal Three

Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015
3:00-4:00 pm SC213

Present: Melba Acevedo, Steve Cate, Sue Cunningham, Linda Giampa, Mike Hearn, Susan Martin, Marilyn McCarthy, Deb McKinney, Lynne Nadeau, Joan Scionti, Janice Rogers, guest Train Wu

1. **Discussion with Train Wu** on nonacademic barriers to student success
Merrimack College fellow Train Wu gave a presentation on his work this year on enhancing social services support for students, with a goal of improving student persistence. His PowerPoint presentation was distributed. His projects included strengthening the student social services program at NECC, connecting students with available resources, and enhancing and maintain the student social services website <http://www.necc.mass.edu/student-services/support/social-services/>. Train will reach out to Goal team 3 members to orient the new Merrimack fellow for the upcoming academic year.
2. **Review of 4/6 PARCC meeting**
Most of the team members attended the PARCC campus meeting on April 6 at NECC. Susan Lane from the Dept. of Higher Education explained the work completed thus far and next steps in the timeline for implementation in Massachusetts. Two faculty members reported on their review of the ESL and Math test items, and participants had the opportunity to review some of the practice test items. All agreed that it is a challenging exam. Students with a high score on the exam will placed directly into college-level courses and not have to take the Accuplacer test.
3. **Brief updates from subgroups**
Susan Martin showed a video clip "Keeping Web Accessibility in Mind" that highlighted the impact of accessible web media on students with different types of disabilities. One student commented that he considers himself not disabled but instead part of a linguistic minority. This is one of a series of videos being shown to the NECC community to raise awareness of and promote issues of accessible media. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yx7hdQqf8IE>
Joan Scionti said that NECC is working with MCC to provide joint training in October for an upgrade to the planner in Degreeworks. The cost will be shared.
4. **Meeting in June?**
Janice will send an outlook request for a meeting in June.
5. **Other business or concerns**
Question about budget requests submitted. There has been no response yet from David Gingerella' s office.