



Solano Community College

Academic Senate

BASIC SKILLS COMMITTEE

Agenda

Friday 9/8/17, 12:00-1:30pm, Room 135

Voting Members: Josh Scott (Basic Skills Coordinator), Tracy Schneider (English Basic Skills Coordinator), Barbara Villatoro (Math Basic Skills Coordinator), Candace Roe (DSP), Jose Cortes (ESL), George Olgin (ASTC), and Dwayne Hunt (Administration).

Advisory Members/Guests: Rebecca LaCount, Melissa Reeve, Cynthia Simon, Genele Rhoads, Isabel Anderson, Michael Wyly, Neil Glines, Nicholas Cittadino, Sarah McKinnon, Shirley Lewis, Terri Pearson, Claudia Tenty, Pei-Lin Van't Hul, Peter Cammish, Rischia Slade, Dawn Carpenter, Carlene Coury, Gale Anderson, Renee Nichole Hamlin, Robert Payawal, Harry Do, Sarah Britto, and Claudia Tenty.

1. **Call to order** – Joshua Scott, Chair
2. **Comments from the public.**
3. **Approval of 8/25 minutes.** Melissa Reeve.
4. **Thematic focus of BSI committee, continued.** During our last meeting, we discussed the need to focus on some of the following topics during this academic year (see minutes for more on this). Friday we will discuss which topics require a discussion in BSI and when best to hold that discussion.
 - i. Possible FLEX activities:
 1. Putting ourselves in student shoes—help faculty/staff understand the student experience. Focus on student & staff/faculty affect, move away from deficit perspective.
 2. Continue to engage experiences where we leave our silos
 - ii. Wrap around services—housing, security, and other non-academic factors that impact student success
 - iii. ASTC
 - iv. How can faculty support, serve students? How do we centralize resources?
 - v. Build strengthen peer groups, peer tutoring, community, especially in the centers
 - vi. Multiple Measures—monitor success; maintain subcommittee, also offer counseling support/impact student affect
 - vii. Continue focus on math success & persistence, and change culture in relationship to math (hint: math doesn't have to be scary, and the fact that some people just “aren't math people” is a myth)

viii. Prison Program. How do we support the program? How do we train faculty?

5. **Student Success and Equity Council update**—Dwayne Hunt and Josh Scott
6. **Integrated Plan Proposal: First Year Experience.** Last week, Melissa Reeve sent the Basic Skills committee an email, soliciting interest in a First Year Experience proposal. Melissa will lead a discussion of this proposal.
7. **Plan for Half Day Counseling/Assessment/Basic Skills Retreat.** We are slotted to hold another half-day retreat on October 10th. We briefly discussed this during our last BSI meeting, and I mentioned the possibility of holding a similar retreat as to what we did last fall—a counseling/assessment/basic skills-themed meeting during the October 10th optional FLEX day. This will be a chance for us to make priorities for that retreat. What questions need to be answered? What information and perspectives need to be shared? Who should attend/present? This is part of our continued attempt to combat the “silo effect,” to improve conversations and collaborations surrounding counseling, assessment, and support for our basic skills students. We need diverse voices and perspectives in this planning meeting, so please come if you can. And if you believe someone should attend, please forward this agenda to them.
8. **Integrated Plan (BSI/SSSP/Equity) Discussion.** Dwayne Hunt will explain and solicit feedback on the rubric/review/recommendation process which the Student Success and Equity Council will execute.
9. **Adjourn.**