Basic Skills Committee Meeting

11-10-11

Present: Rebecca Scott, Lisa Yanover, Sherry Lohse, Michael Conroy, Cathy Gillis, Sue Nelson, Andrea Bewick, Sheryl Fernandez.

- Agenda adopted
- Minutes not yet approved—Sherry to send out when completed (10/6/11)
- Announcements: Rebecca noted that she amended the BSI Plan (pg 15) to write in the Writing Center Coordinator. Sherry announced that the math lab will have some equipment needs (headphones, etc.). She will bring information to our next meeting.
- Andrea presented her Student Success Centers Professional Development project (researched and written for step advance). Andrea studied the Chaffey College model and reported back to our committee to see if there was support to implement something similar here at Napa Valley College. In Chaffey’s model, 5 hours of supplemental instruction was written into the CORS for classes from different disciplines that could be satisfied in 3 ways: directed learning activities, study groups, and/or workshops to be decided by the students. Curriculum at Chaffey for supplemental instruction was written by faculty but could be delivered by IAs for learning activities and study groups. Workshops are conducted by faculty. Andrea proposed that instead of applying whole classes to link with our Writing Center, that we may want to adopt a similar model to Chaffey’s but tailored to our needs. She said that the data was clear that students’ performance was greatly improved and the Writing Center could serve more students as there would be less contact hours. Some questions regarded the difference between study groups and workshops and if serving students with only 5 hours (plus any other time they would come into the WC) as opposed to our current model of 18 contact hours. Andrea will get more specific information regarding these questions. Some members expressed agreement that this model could extend to English 90s which currently is not linked to the writing center except for a couple of sections. Some discussion also included math success centers and supplemental instruction. Members agreed to discuss further.
- Sue addressed travel fund for BSI members. She said she would support 3-4 people traveling to Chaffey as long as costs not excessive.

Adjourned: 4:30