

Pathways Committee
November 30, 2016 – 12 to 1:30 pm

Attending: Scott Farnsworth, Tania Sheldahl, Jodi Showler, Patrick Burns, Selina Bliss, Jennifer Kelly, Molly Beauchman, Joanne Oellers, Stacey Hilton, Patti Schlosberg, Justin Brereton, Dean Holbrook, Karen Jones, Barb Waak, Andrea Riffel, Laura Beauchman, Jill Fitzgerald, Karen Leja

Sub-Committee Updates

- Group 1 – refine academic flow charts with G/E input. A Math pathway has been prepared; Suki has the AGEC A, B & S pathways done. AAS degree decision chart has been drafted. Developing a Canvas shell for pathways charts to be loaded. Need to see template from Web landing page sub-committee.
- Group 2 – communications plan. Website for Pathways being maintained. Meetings for college community input set for Winter Institute and Convocation Day.
- Group 3 – develop career exploration/interest process for students. Subcommittee has met twice. Reviewed several career website resources; one they liked was Pasadena City College. Need to find a system like Career Cruising that will tie to our programs. Need to find a way to capture students that do not make pathway decisions. May need an undecided/exploratory pathway.
- Group 4 – identify/recommend benchmarks. Benchmark courses are milestone courses within a declared major.
- Group 8 – identify “gateway” course and develop “college success/critical thinking course” Math and English are gateway courses. Barb will distribute a glossary to define gateway, benchmark, critical thinking. A College 101 is a proposed single critical thinking course. This could be a 3 credit class with rigorous academic experience to be taken first semester. Pasadena City College calls their class College 1; taught by anyone with a Masters degree; heavy writing and reading. The PCC research shows student success with this course. With new Humanities critical thinking class of Suki, YC will have 18 critical thinking classes. Group discussed options of continuing FYE 103 in various formats. Variety of options to hold a success course – maybe four or five weeks. Transferability is question.
- Group 5 – further refine program and Program of Study web landing pages, template. Mike said template should be ready today and he’ll send to committee.
- Group 6 – develop high school to YC Pathways. Dean said this group is just starting to form.
- Group 7 – faculty advising plan. Some faculty are doing various forms of their own advising. Some faculty are interested in advising. Faculty would like access to DegreeWorks. With faculty advising, there is need for training, especially for FERPA concerns. Would need a “Notes” section that faculty can update so Advisors are aware of faculty discussions with students. Discuss this with faculty at Convocation Day.

Gen Ed Course List

Laura has run a Gen Ed course list going back to 2012. She will send to the committee. This can be discussed at Convocation Day as some courses haven’t been offered for many years and may need to be sunsetted.

Convocation Day – Jan. 11

Pathways session confirmed for 1 to 3:30 pm for a college community discussion including definition of gateway courses; definition of benchmark courses, faculty advising, integration of Gen Ed courses. At next meeting we’ll discuss further what each sub-committee needs from overall college audience.

Area of Study workshops – Jan. 12 and 13

Jill Fitzgerald will do a sign-up sheet at the next Dean’s meeting. Karen will schedule rooms for Jan. 12 and 13. A few members of this committee will go out to CTEC to meet with them.

Winter Institute – Dec. 13

Pathways meeting confirmed for Winter Institute.
9 to 9:50 – general update

10 to 11:45 – sub-committee reports

11:45 to 12 – Wrap-up