

Underprepared Student Initiative

End of the Year Report

May 2016

This review is designed to inventory the USI's accomplishments and make recommendations for the future.

Testing

- Through the efforts of Laurie Cigan, an ILeap refresher class offered through Accuplacer and MyFoundationsLAB was offered to students (starting in 2013) who placed in underprepared classes. USI was looked into this "bookcamp" type offering to help students start one level ahead and was privy to the beginning of the program. The Testing Center provided underprepared students with all the information needed to access the class. Very few students took advantage of the opportunity. Those who did, however, scored one level ahead of their original placement. This program has been discontinued due to lack of student by-in.

Student Completion

- Much time was spent looking at trends and curriculum. Members not only discussed changes and the need for OER, but many actively gathered and utilized materials (Stephanie Polliard). Active learning strategies were also a focus.
- Three sections of Mat 140 were added to the schedule. USI member Maribeth Marquard worked on this addition as it allows students who struggle with math and need a slower pace to have an option besides Mat 142.
- Julie Olander, in a quest to aid underprepared students created a Canvas Module designed to help students master chemistry concepts.
- Kim Dean piloted the District Math Modules and will be training 08X/09X instructors with the new curriculum and competencies.

Website

- Beginning of Semester
 - o Decided to add list of accomplishments...
- End of semester
 - o Website is 90% complete with past minutes as well as End of Year reports.

Newsletter

- Assignments given and completed. Both a Fall (aimed at faculty and staff) and Spring (aimed at Students) newsletter was distributed. Committee decided to offer the newsletter both hard copy and digitally.

Staff Training

- Beginning of Year
 - o Stephanie Polliard presented “Changing ENG Competencies” during Spring Learning week
 - o Maribeth Marquard, Julie Olander, and Pamela Osback presented “Understanding the Evolving Student” during Spring Learning week.
 - o Mike Hamm and Mike Mitchell presented part-two of “Everything You Wanted to Ask” during Spring Learning week. (This workshop was brainstormed and created by USI)
 - o Many USI team members attended the one-day workshop presented by Skip Downing
- End of the Year
 - o Stephanie Polliard presented “Evolving Curriculum” during Spring Learning week.
 - o Most USI team members attended the Student Success Conference.
 - o Most USI team members attended the AADE conference at Glendale
- Works in Progress for next year
 - o Learning session called “How is Math Changing” by Kim Dean, Jacquie Fernandez, and Maribeth Marquard. Brainstorming resulted in Jacque in charge of what the changes are... Maribeth following with a flow chart discussion, and Kim would????
 - o Maribeth, Julie, and Pam will put in to present “Understanding the Evolving Student” at the AADE conference.

Leadership

- Stephanie Polliard will assume the chair position for the 2016/2017 year.