

**Minutes of the  
Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee**  
September 20, 2011

**Attending:**

David Maxwell, Curt Szuberla, Alan Morotti, Dana Greci, Cindy Hardy, Amy Barnsley, Sandra Wildfeuer, Sarah Stanley, Diane Erickson, Gabrielle Russell

The committee met and addressed the following:

**Meeting times:** All of those attending can meet Tuesdays 12:30-2, for at least part of the meeting. Cindy will get together with Jayne to set dates for the semester's meetings.

**Agenda for the year:** We brainstormed a list of topics and actions for the year, including continuing work on the learning commons (a subcommittee will meet with library faculty), looking at ways to strengthen advising, looking at the effectiveness of freshman seminars, developing cross curricular support (such as writing across the curriculum), and continued conversation on Sarah's proposal to record reasons for students receiving Ds or Fs.

Sarah will write up some other ideas she'd like us to address.

We also carried over some discussion from last year:

Re-examining DEVS placement policy to determine when a student would be placed in a study skills class (i.e.: with two DEV placements? As a freshman seminar? As part of orientation?)

Reviewing student success policies that are already in place

Finding ways to support the faculty that teach 100-level classes

**Course approval:** Diane Erickson presented the course proposal for DEVS 114, Reading in the Humanities and Social Sciences. This course came to us last spring, but Diane asked that we address it in the first meeting of fall, so she could attend the meeting. Right now the course is offered as a special topics course. The committee approved the course unanimously.

**Other notes or discussion:**

Sandra shared that IAC now has a student success coordinator, Robin Brooks.

Dianne Erickson asked how we relate to the new Alaska Performance Scholarship.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 10, 12:30-2pm