The Basic Skills Prioritization of 2012-2013 AUPs, as Approved by the Student Success Committee
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On April 16, 2012 the Basic Skills Subcommittee, under Student Success, reviewed and ranked the 2012-2013 AUPs submitted for prioritization of Basic Skills funding. The process is documented in detail on the Student Success website. In short, the subcommittee scored each AUP by a rubric developed from criteria approved by the subcommittee and committee, based on the Basic Skills Planning Matrices, the College’s Master Plan and the Achieving the Dream Initiative. Because of the committee’s involvement of ATD, delay of the prioritization was approved by the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Services until the Student Success committee (a.k.a. the ATD Core Team) reviewed and analyzed data in order to develop its recommendations of strategies and interventions for student success. The subcommittee adhered to the committee’s ATD commitment when deciding on its ranking of the AUPs, analyzing each proposal under student success as it affects basic skills students. Thus, after a thorough review and discussion of each proposal, the members of the subcommittee scored individually and the scores are tallied to get the following results:

1) PAWS (Preassessment Workshop), cost $7,430.00: 112
2) Universal Design Reading and Writing Gateway, cost $44,000.00: 105
3) Student Success Collaborative, cost $183,862.00: 101
4) English Faculty Readers, cost $16,000: 26
5) Math Whiteboards: postponed
6) Chemistry 60 Tutors: disqualified

When the list was brought to the Student Success committee on April 30, the committee amended the list even further before approving the subcommittee’s recommendation. It had disqualified that the English Faculty Readers proposal, which could have used basic skills funding for non-basic skills students as well as not being a new, innovated project (in reference to the Basic Skills criteria). The amended list is given below:

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Furthermore, the committee made amendments to the recommended list: that the projects be adjusted to the Achieving the Dream Strategy Plans for its upcoming report and that the projects be funded up to the remaining budget of Basic Skills funding (the third proposal, the Student Success Collaborative, will have to be scaled down to meet the budget).

The committee approved of the list on April 30, 2012 and now presents the list to the Academic Senate for its blessing as it goes to the Vice Presidents for their approval, amendments or rejection.