Committee Meeting Report

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**Participants**
Daniel Marlos, Arax Cohen, John Freitas, Dana Cohen, Alex Davis, Kathleen Beaufait, Guests: Armenuhi Juharyan, Gary Colombo, MaryAnne DesVignes
Absent: Dan Walden, Kalynda Webber, Jeffrey Nishimura, Jimmy Guevara, Eric Kaljumägi

**Meeting Outcomes**

- **Discussions**
  - Gary Colombo shared Compass & Learning Skills Viability Data with the Committee.
  - MaryAnne DesVignes talked about L.S. course adjacencies that were linked to 900 courses taught on campus. There are many valuable skills that L.S. can provide in many courses.
  - MaryAnne also emphasized that what makes it difficult to teach Learning Skills courses is the fact that all students have individualized study plans and are enrolled in different courses, and the instructors have to constantly switch from one task to another by helping one student with vocabulary, another student with reading or note taking, a third one with resume preparation, etc.
  - MaryAnne also briefly talked about the structure of the L.S. department. Students first do the orientation process. Next they take the diagnostic exam which tests their math computation skills, analytical math skills, reading, grammar, and vocabulary. Then once the scores are in, the students meet with an instructor and get a feedback of what courses would be helpful for them. The diagnostic test is designed to target specific areas of weakness, and students are then instructed to take the appropriate courses designed to improve the specific area(s).
  - The best time to visit L.S. Center as stated by MaryAnne is Monday-Thursday 10:30-12:30pm and 2:00-4:00pm.

- **Tasks to be completed:**
  - MaryAnne will provide the committee with a flow chart of how L.S. courses prepare students for English and math placement; once the students take those courses, they may retake the placement test to see if they will place higher.
  - A group of committee members consisting of John Freitas, Arax Cohen, Daniel Marlos, Dana Cohen, and Kathleen Beaufait will visit the L.S. Center on Tuesday, October 15 between 2:00-3:00pm.
  - The committee members that were absent should organize a group and plan a visit based on the schedule that MaryAnne has provided. Please coordinate with Daniel Marlos first.
  - At the next meeting the members will share their insight from the visit and any data collected.

**Adjournment:** 4:30pm

**Next meeting:** TBA

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