

Minutes of the Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee (SADA)

September 17, 2010

Attending: Lily Misel, Sandra Wildfeuer, John Creed, Cindy Hardy (chair), Deseree Salvador, Margaret Short, Kate Quick, Jane Allen, Michelle Bartlett, Cindy Andrechek

The committee met and considered the following:

Election of co-chairs: Cindy Hardy was asked to continue as co-chair. She requested a rural faculty member to act as co-chair. Sandra Wildfeuer and Jane Allen are considering this position.

Agenda items for 2010-11: The committee discussed several agenda items for the year, some of which carried over from last year. SADA will continue to pursue the Student Learning Commons in conjunction with Rasmuson Library. Lily and Cindy agreed to form a small subcommittee to keep up with efforts to develop a Learning Commons.

We will also continue to track the effects of Mandatory Placement, including unintended consequences. In general, our impression is that this effort has been effective in placing students appropriately.

We will continue our discussion of ways to more effectively honor student achievement, especially at the developmental level. We discussed several possibilities for doing this.

The question of the DEV designator came up in discussion, once again. We discussed the possibility of cross-listing some DEV classes with the academic department where the subsequent class is offered. Margaret agreed to poll her colleagues about their thoughts on a DEVM/Math cross-listing and report back to the committee. In general, we are interested in coming up with a few ideas for making a “developmental semester” more acceptable to students who need to strengthen their academic skills.

Meeting times: We agreed that the Friday 2-3:30 times worked for all who were in attendance. Cindy will check with Jayne Harvie and set meetings that do not conflict with Bethel faculty meetings. Cindy or Jayne will e-mail this to the group.