

September 2009 e-mail before the first meeting

Hi folks,

The first Faculty Inquiry Group meeting will be held in the building 5 conference room 5131, Monday Sept. 14th at 2pm. If you haven't yet, please let me know if you can make it.

A few discussion questions.

In addition to looking over the draft proposal for the ACS learning community (found here: http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/office_instruction/college_success_initiative/acsLearnComm.html)

It might be good for folks to think a little bit about the following questions:

- In what ways could your students be better prepared for your respective learning communities or classes? This could include attitudes, behaviors and skills aside from academic knowledge.
- What types of activities, community building, events, faculty collaboration, interdisciplinary lessons etc. would you like to see implemented in a new learning community? These may be things you have been excited about in your own programs or classes.

I thought this might facilitate the discussion on Monday and generate some ideas for future discussions about the actual content and structure of the program.

To get an idea of what other schools have done, take a look at these:

Promo video for Pasadena's XL program:

<http://www.pasadena.edu/externalrelations/TLC/xl.cfm>

Promo video for Cabrillo Digital Bridge Academy:

<http://www.cabrillo.edu/academics/digitalbridge>

This is a voice recording about the FYE at Cerritos College:

<http://www.cerritos.edu/lcp/firstyear.html>

Also, I encourage you to look through some of the other information on the ACS website. A lot of work was done to bring this project up to this point and it is well documented here:

http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/office_instruction/college_success_initiative/acsLearnComm.html