

SUBCOMMITTEE:

First Year Experience (FYE)

MISSION:

Our mission is to develop and implement a first-year experience seminar that provides all new KVCC students access to this national best practice inclusive of opportunities for mentoring and accepted “college knowledge” topics such as improving financial literacy, time management, and life skills.

GOALS:

- Determine if the College will allow this to be a required course.
- Develop a potential organizational structure to provide ongoing coordination, measurement, and support for successful deployment.
- Develop a timeline and establish a budget for implementation of both the pilot and the full scale roll-out.
- Determine where this course will be placed...in which division/s... departments.
- Establish a well-balanced FYE Committee to continue the planning work; this should consist of representations from the SSC, financial aid, registration, and the faculty.
- Provide team building and training to support deployment and ongoing effectiveness.
- Measure and communicate the impact of FYE on the success of KVCC students including “return on investment.”

OUTCOMES/ACTIVITIES:

The Planning Committee developed the course syllabus and submitted it for use in the pilot course (TRS 283). Six sections were offered Winter 2015; three of the sections are currently running. One section is scheduled for Summer 2015 and nine are scheduled for Fall 2015. The offerings are across the College divisions and include multiple disciplines: art, biology, business, English, math, nursing, transitional studies, and wellness/physical education.

The Instruction Team has been meeting to further develop the course and investigate instructional strategies. They will implement improvements as justified through research and evaluation of what has been executed.

FUTURE PLANS:

The Instructional Team will continue to evaluate the results of the pilot sections, implement improvements in the course curriculum and instructional strategies, offer training, assist in the promotion of the course, and communicate the work with the Retention Committee and administrators.

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