

Communiversality, Higher Education Centers, and Sandy Hook Cabinet Roundtable 10.14.09

Communiversality

The first "Communiversality 101" Information Session took place on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at noon in the Fort Hancock Room. This is a new outreach strategy designed to inform first-time students about the opportunities available to them through the Communiversality and to prompt enrollment in the Dual Admission programs. Seven prospective students and two guests attended the presentation. The presentation was led by Communiversality Director, Candice MacLusky. Joe Walsh, Manager of Academic Programs did a short presentation on the Rutgers programs. Student Services Generalist, Dee Selheim, was also present to answer questions. A brief survey was given at the end of the presentation and although the response was overwhelmingly positive, we will continue to work on the presentation to better serve students. The presentation will be ever evolving based on the feedback received. The second Communiversality 101 session will take place on November 3rd at noon in the Fort Hancock Room. (II. B. 3.) (II. B. 4.)

The Communiversality has yet another opportunity to be a model for colleagues, this time from Pennsylvania, who are interested in replicating our MITC partnership approach to expanding access to baccalaureate programs in their region. Thanks to Dr. McMEnamin who forwarded a contact from one of her former colleagues, Anita Voogt spoke with Tom Fletcher, Director Corporate & Continuing Education, now at Bloomsburg University and his colleague Dr. Ira Blake, interim provost and vice president of academic affairs about the start-up process and pros and cons of our Communiversality MITC partnership as well as our joint partnership with Rutgers. That first conversation was followed by another call from Lenair Ahlum, President of the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project, who is also involved in this initiative and will be scheduling an on-site visit to Communiversality in the next few weeks. (IIB4)

Western Monmouth Campus

For those of you who have not visited us recently, I'll give you sneak previews of the wonderful newly-renovated building through roundtable photos from week to week. One of the most impressive additions to the site is the Science Lab on the fourth floor that will be fully equipped to offer generally 100-level biology and chemistry courses. The lab has 24 workstations, beautiful cabinetry around the room for models and supplies, all the required lab safety features ex. eyewashes, hoods, etc. and two prep rooms – one for biology and one for chemistry. Below are students in the first CHEM 116 classes offered this semester as they are finding their way around the room. This semester 3 sections of CHEM116, Chemistry for Life, are being offered and 2 lecture sections of CHEM136, Introduction of Inorganic and Biological Chemistry. In the spring semester, the first sections of BIOL 105, Life Sciences will be offered. (IIC)



Higher Education Centers

Northern Monmouth HEC:

On September 30, Northern Monmouth HEC held its first Student Advisory Board meeting as a collaborative effort between Center Director, Allison Fitzpatrick, and Student Services Generalist, Joe Caruso. Eight students participated in the program that gave them the opportunity to share information about their Brookdale experience. This group will work with the generalist and director twice a semester to help plan College Life events at the site. Their feedback will also be used when planning future semester schedules. A chat board was created on the NMHEC Facebook page to allow all NMHEC students to share their feedback on the center.

Long Branch HEC

Center Director Ed Johnson recently participated in a community information session on H1N1 planning in Long Branch. The meeting was sponsored by the Long Branch Health Department to inform community stakeholders on current prevention strategies, informational materials for the public and implementation of the vaccination program.

LBHEC recently played host to BCC Faculty and Community Representatives interested in working with the Long Branch Arts Council. The group is working to promote the arts through curriculum at LBHEC and in LB High School and through extracurricular activities and events.

Wall HEC:

Center Director, Candice MacLusky, joined Admissions Representative, Katie Workman, on the visits to Communications High School and Wall High School on Monday, October 5th. This new outreach on the part of the Wall HEC is intended to strengthen the relationship with the high schools and inform them about the programs and services at the site. (IV. A. 4.) (IV.C. 5.)