

Creating College Success

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- > **Student Success Retreat, Oct. 29–30 Moreno Valley Golf Club**
- > **Assessment Workshops through Center for Faculty Development beginning October 13**



STUDENT SUCCESS RETREAT—OCTOBER 29–30

The Moreno Valley BSI committee is sponsoring our second retreat to discuss how we can best help students achieve their academic goals. The retreat, “Arriving at Base Camp” is a follow-up to “Navigating the Basic Skills Highway” held in April 2008.

Featured presenters at this retreat will be Laura Hope, Dean of Academic Success at Chaffey College and Merrill Deming, faculty and counselor at Crafton Hills college. Both were instrumental in establishing Chaffey College’s Student Success Centers. These centers are credited with increasing student

success rates at Chaffey and they have the data to support their claims.

The Centers focus on working with instructors to develop Directed Learning Activities (DLA’s) that allow students to explore pre-requisite material that is necessary for success, or to work on assignments that will enrich their learning experience. These centers allow instructors to enhance learning with minimum impact on instructors’ time.

The retreat is open to all faculty (part-time faculty are especially encouraged to attend), key student services staff, counselors, and administrators. It will

be held at the Moreno Valley Golf Club on Moreno Beach Drive and begins Thursday, Oct. 29 from noon (lunch will be served) —6 PM and will conclude Friday from 9AM—1PM.

An optional, non-RCC campout will be held at Lake Perris SRA on Friday evening. Join us around the campfire and let’s talk about how we can help our students (or maybe just roast marshmallows).

Please contact Sheila Pisa at 571-6146 to RSVP for the retreat.

To make reservations for the campout go online to: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>

CENTER FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO HOLD ASSESSMENT WORKSHOPS

Assessment Made Simple

Tuesday, October 27, 1 PM – 3 PM, 2009, PSC 11

Facilitated by Carlos Tovares, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Geography & George Zottos, Ed.D. Outcomes Assessment Specialist

Practitioner Inquiry 101

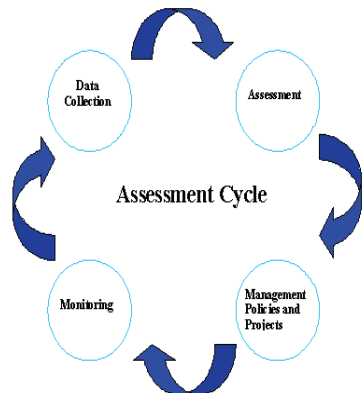
Monday, November 2, 2009, 12 PM – 2 PM, PSC 11

Facilitated by Sheryl Tschetter, Associate Professor, English and chair, District Assessment Committee
Preparing the Annual

Program Review

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 12 PM – 2PM, PSC 11

Facilitated by Carlos Tovares, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Geography & George Zottos, Ed.D. Outcomes Assessment Specialist



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ASSESSMENT WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

One-on-one help with outcomes assessment is available at any time for academic or student service programs. You may schedule an appointment with either George Zottos or Carlos Tovares for advice and help with any outcome assessment project. They will be happy to meet with you and discuss assessment strategies and plans. They can also provide feedback on

ongoing assessment efforts for individuals or groups of faculty. Both Carlos and George are members of the District Assessment Committee and have extensive experience in assessing outcomes. Contact Carlos Tovares at carlos.tovares@rcc.edu or x6282.

George Zotos at george.zottos@rcc.edu, or x6388

Classroom Management Workshop, Oct. 20

Do your students fall asleep in class? Get the feeling they'd rather be someplace else? Want to learn new ways to enhance the learning/assessment process? Join Eric Thompson, Sociology, for a discussion on Classroom Management. Oct. 20 Noon–1PM Center for Faculty Development (PSC 11)

BSI Meetings Tuesdays 12:50–1:50

- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

Contact BSI Co-Chairs Sheila Pisa (X 6146) or Patti Bufalino (x 6162) for more information.

BASIC SKILLS INITIATIVE (BSI) COMMITTEE

The Basic Skills Professional Development Initiative provides funding to all community colleges in the state to help in improving instruction in the basic skills, and English as a Second Language (ESL).

The Initiative is administered through the Chancellor's office with oversight by the Academic Senate.

The Moreno Valley Campus BSI committee is a sub-committee of the MVC Academic Senate. Membership is composed of faculty (part-time and full-time), staff, and administrators. We meet monthly to discuss projects that align with the purpose of the Initiative.

The committee invites proposals for funding that align with the Committee's Action Plan. The Action

Plan for 2008 -09 can be found on the BSI website

<http://rcc.sheilapisa.com/Home/basic-skills-initiative-committee>

Examples of currently funded BSI projects are the One Book/One College Program, the "Connect Learning to Life" Learning Communities, and basic skills tutoring through the Math Lab and Writing and Reading Centers.

Basic Skills on the Web

State: www.cccbbsi.org

Campus: rcc.sheilapisa.com/Home/basic-skills-initiative-committee

Look for a link to our site soon on the Moreno Valley Campus homepage: www.rcc.edu/morenovalley/

BSI ACTION PLAN FOCUS—2009 / 2010

The Action Plan for 2009/10 will focus on projects in the following areas:

- Supplemental classroom instruction and the use of Directed Learning Activities.
- Workshops for faculty wanting concrete examples of how to construct a syllabus, how to construct lessons that stress reading,

writing, and/or math across the curriculum, and meaningful classroom assessments.

- Assistance in obtaining data for basic skills projects.
- Ways in which Part-time faculty can be made to feel included in campus life.

- Professional development (including some travel) if tied to a related BSI committee project.