**Basic Skills Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

**February 26, 2015**

Approved March 26th 2015

**In attendance:**

Agustin Palacios, Monica Nolasco, Nooshi Borham, Heather Roth, Jason Berner, Brandy Gibson, Michelle Lee, Kathleen Donlan, Karl Debro, Gabriela Segade, Wayne Organ

Meeting Started at 2:45pm Location: LA-25

The committee reviewed and approved minutes from last meeting.

Wayne Organ presented his concerns about college committees not complying with the Brown Act. The concern is that not all constituencies are regularly represented during committee meetings. This is an issue throughout the college. It was agreed that the committee would continue to discuss and find ways to be in compliance. Agustin agreed to discuss the issue with Student Success Committee since BSI Committee is a subcommittee of SSC. It was pointed out that this particular meeting BSI did reach quorum.

Mayra Padilla discussed on the work that SSC is doing, and possible ways to link more directly with BSI. She also pointed out that SSC will be taking on more of the responsibility of paying for campus wide tutoring.

There was a discussion of our current budget. It was agreed to reconsider the way we do budget allocations. Jason encouraged the committee to be more creative in the ways we use BSI funds. He suggested that the committee call on the college for proposals. He will like the college as a whole to be involved in this discussion.

Mayra Padilla suggested that BSI could link/support the Teaching Café that is being put together by faculty development.

Nooshi discussed some of her concerns regarding ESL students disregarding placement recommendations placement. She is concerned that some low level ESL students are taking content level classes that they might not be ready for.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00.