Achieving The Dream
Core Team Meeting
Minutes – October 5, 2009

The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. Present were: Joe Agnich (LO), Joan Blankmann (AL), Dr. Athos Brewer (AN), Laura Franklin (AL), Dr. George Gabriel (College), Pat Gary (MA), Cate Keaser (College), Dr. Dan Lewis (WO), Kathy Lloyd (AN), Stacy Rice (LO), Jane Serbousek (LO), Carol Sinwell (AN), Cheri Spiegel (AN), Dr. Tony Tardd (LO), Frances Villagran-Glover (AL).

**NSO Data**: George is concerned that we’re not focusing on the OIR reports. He offered to dispatch staff to each of the campus teams to explain the OIR reports on a monthly basis. **Follow up**: George Gabriel will contact AtD campus team chairs. Ask campus teams bring questions to the OIR session.

**Report from Developmental Math Task Force**: Jane discussed work of the task force and distributed document, Table 1: AtD Developmental Mathematics Practices at Campuses & Table 2: AtD Mth 3 Task Force Strategies

**AtD Developmental Mathematics Practices**: Discussion regarding what math practices should be prioritized over the next academic year. **Follow up**: by March Developmental Math Task Force will select several strategies that will be implemented for 2010-2011. Jane Serbousek will provide preliminary report on strategies to AtD Core Team in January after cluster meeting.

**Learning Communities Update**: Jane is running several learning community assessments. Instructors asked to do an early assessment in the semester and one later in the semester. Discussion of using focus groups to access utility of learning communities. Discussion of learning communities/linked courses that aren’t under the auspices of AtD; AtD core team decided that these courses should not be promoted with other AtD courses. Kathy will be working on promotion of learning communities at the NOVA website.

**Developmental English Task Force Update**: Kathy Lloyd and Dan Lewis have spoken to the co-chairs of the developmental English/ESL working group about AtD’s interest in developing college wide developmental English strategies. **Follow up**: Kathy Lloyd will send charge to group.

**Professional Development Plans**: Jane is working with Kingsborough Community College to do a workshop at the college on November 20. Audience is learning community faculty developmental Math and developmental English 3 and English 5. Laura is working with Patrick Henry Community College to develop cooperative learning workshop in the spring semester. In a short format—one day—illustrate what cooperative learning is and how it is different than small group work. The long format—two days—is logistically challenging.

**College Readiness Update**: tabled

**Campus Team Plans**: tabled

**Coaches’ Visits**: tabled. Coaches will be back in November.
Strategy Institute: 5 conference proposals were submitted to Strategy Institute.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00. Notes compiled by Dan Lewis