

Bakersfield College
Foundations of Excellence - Thematic Action Plan
Funded Activities 2007-08

I. Vision / Planning / Organization

1. Determine what our First Year Student Educational Philosophy is across the campus, inside and outside of the classroom. Build First Year Student Outcomes. Institutionalize college-wide discussions of issues affecting first year students. (\$5000)

II. Continuous Student Support

1. Pilot four department-based half-day orientation sessions. – develop process. (\$4000).

III. Student Learning / Curriculum

1. Evaluate and document the effectiveness of SLOs (product - top 5 FoE enrolled courses + Math A). Create teaching methods dialog and assessment. CLIPS (\$30,000).
2. Development of First Year Student Success Course. *Counseling, ACDV (\$15,000).

IV. Student Engagement / Involvement

1. Champion a true "Renegade" student culture that fosters student engagement. (Refer to BC Great Teachers Seminar faculty task force, Senate, SGA). CLIP (\$5000).

V. Communication / Evaluation

1. Ongoing focus groups of new students to obtain feedback on experience (\$2500 – student incentive)

IV. Faculty and Staff Professional Development
and Diversity Training

1. Faculty Orientation Guide - include first year student component. PIO lead. (\$10,000)
2. Faculty/Staff development include diversity training similar to Nursing: "Culture & Nursing Care: A Pocket Guide". Flex Day requirement include faculty training in diversity; encourage faculty to strengthen diversity components in their curriculum. Add to Staff Development mission: ensure diverse workshops that provide staff with diverse ideas, world views, and cultural activities (Refer to SDCC - recommend specific staff development proposal in Diversity Training).