Basic Skills Initiative (BSI)
2009-10 Basic Skills Committee (BSC) Co-chairs
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Plans for Basic Skills Committee 2009-10

Recommendations to the college from 2008-09:
- Facilitate student completion of developmental coursework as early as possible in their education at Chabot
- Increase student participation in orientation and assessment

“Jumpstart:” a jointly funded BSI and Title III Fall 2009 Pilot to implement and test policy recommendations:
Combines best practices from student services with new insights about English 102
- Offer the Jumpstart program to 150 late-starting students, who apply to Chabot after mid-July, when basic skills courses are full & student services can be difficult to obtain
  NOTE: these are the Basic Skills students who are most likely to fail other courses.
- Provide orientation & assessment and English 102 sections with linked counseling and math review courses
- If our assumptions are correct, we expect to see: significantly higher success and retention than in late-starting peers who do not get the combination of services and classes

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- Monitor the Fall 2009 Jumpstart results.
  Is early assessment and placement in basic skills courses effective?
  Does it increase success with students who might otherwise fail?
- Study and publicize results from all BSI/T3 FIGs.
  What do our own best practices tell us?
- Refine or add to policy recommendations for Chabot based on this research
  How else can we encourage students to take assessment and basic skills courses earlier?
- Work with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) to share what we learn

Basic Skills Committee 2009-10 Meetings:
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at noon
Room 1814

Fall 2009 Meeting dates (all Tuesdays at noon)
September 8 and 22
October 13 and 27
November 10
December 8

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