The Title III Task Force met on March 16, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. The following people were in attendance: Amy Davis, Solomon Willis, Shannon Kennedy, Dr. Becky Sain, LouAnn Greene, John Lattimore, Mike McSwain, Duane Rominger, Melody Heflin, Dianne Greene, Athena Smith, Hugh Grant, Emily Sisk, Andy Gardner, Jody Ledford, Anne Wise, Sharlene Smith, Robin Dyer, Phyllis Haynes, and Brian Bowman.

Amy Davis, Student Success Center Coordinator and Project Director for Title III, thanked everyone for coming. The Title III Task Force will meet quarterly for the next 5 years of the project. Amy explained that the Academic Support Center has been officially changed to the Student Success Center. The staff members were introduced along with their individual duties.

The Title III five year objectives are to improve retention and engagement of students, especially in online and blended/hybrid classes.

MBAJ Architecture has been hired for the renovations of the Student Success Center, which is scheduled for this summer. Some of the changes will be 6-7 offices, dedicated testing area with better technology, tutoring area, and a welcome area.

Melody and Amy met with most of the academic departments during February to go over changes and get information to be able to better advise new students as they start their education.

All developmental classes will be moved from the Student Success Center to their curriculum. At this time there is no classroom planned for the area.

Dr. Rita O’Sullivan, an external evaluator and assessment expert, has been hired. She will be doing program reviews and training sessions.

The selection of 10 faculty for enhancement professional development will be made soon. Athena will send out applications and there will be recommendations coming from the deans about their selection.

The July and September meetings were planned. They are Wednesday, July 15th and Monday, September 14th at 2:30 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date.

The Task Force was asked to volunteer to be on a Process Improvement Team (subcommittees). The group then broke up into their PITs for the remainder of the meeting. It concluded at 4:00 p.m.