



ILC Annual Review

AY 2013/14

**Fujairah Men's College
Student Success Center
of Excellence**

Executive Summary



The FMC SSCE has had a difficult academic year. Due to a large increase of students and lack of faculty, our center has changed radically. In the fall, our team was needed to cover classes so we were not as available to work with students as we had been in the past. Plus, we lost our space because it was needed as a classroom. In the spring, we lost our temporary assistants and that meant there was less help for students. Despite teaching a part-time load, we still found time to offer all of our Foundation and Pre-foundation students spelling classes once a week and we offered a Poetry Day which included a week of activities.

Official name of ILC facility Student Success Center of Excellence (SSCE)

Campus student numbers AY 2013/14 449

Staffing structure

1 ILC Coordinator (Darcy Harris) and two part time temporary assistants (Ofunne Olele and Kenny Allen). Plus, throughout the year, we have a number of student and teacher volunteers who help with tutoring in areas such as Calculus, Engineering and English. Although we help both program and foundation students, we report to the Foundation Chair, Lorraine Doherty.

Facilities & Services

This year, due to space constraints at FMC, the center was downsized to a much smaller self-contained space located next to the faculty area. Plus, we still have a small study room (RM 230) located across the hall. Both spaces can be used independently of a tutor and may be booked in advance by students or faculty. Unfortunately, the small room we currently use does not allow us to do the activities we have done in previous years. It makes it difficult for the men and women who study at FMC to use.

Resources

The SSCE now has two laptops, 1 Coomber, 1 table, 2 desks, 1 whiteboard, 1 LCD TV screen (located outside the SSCE) 1 electric bar for charging i-Pads and laptops. In the small study room across the hall (RM 230) there are 4 desktops, 1 table, 1 projector, 1 Coomber, 1 Smartboard that is not i-Pad compatible.

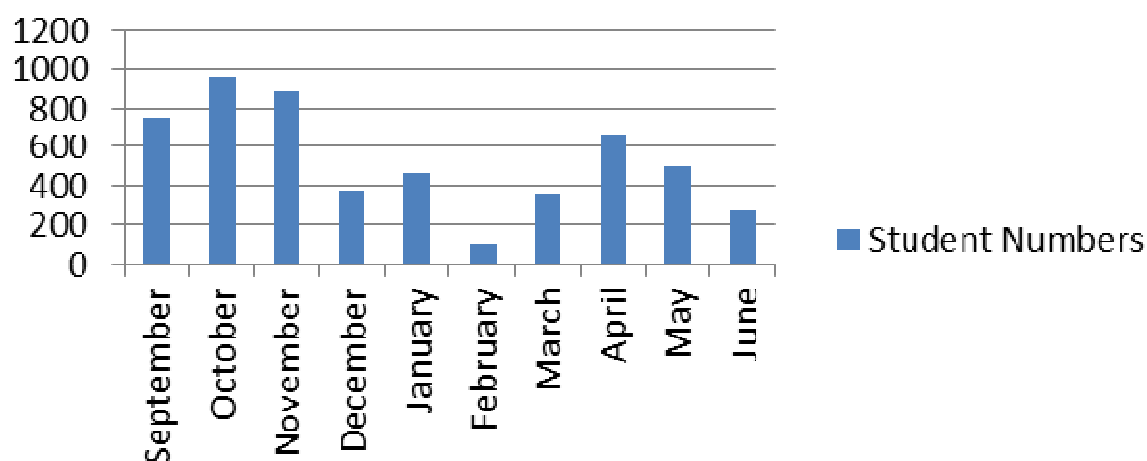
Learning Technologies

Last year, the SSCE worked with the ED Tech department (Chris Haddow and Saleimah Sebait) to come up with the app "My Success at HCT" that allows students to use our resources on their iPads. ILC Coordinator, Darcy Harris, as well as up keep and material creation for this app, gave PD around the system this year and it has now been downloaded on over 1,400 i-Pads.

Student Support

Our services were open to all students who attend FMC and to any FWC students who had their own transportation. We offered 1-1 and small group tutoring; classroom support; literacy skills, writing support for bachelor projects and special support to Pre-Foundation students. Our faculty and peer volunteers also helped out with Math, Calculus and Physics.

SSCE Monthly Student Attendance



Curriculum Support & Collaboration

The SSCE works closely with Foundation teachers to insure that the materials we use support the curriculum and learning objectives of our students. Team leaders share their detailed semester and weekly teaching plans with us. The SSCE coordinator attends all Foundation meetings to share the latest practices and we collaborate with faculty on Spelling City and our new app, "My Success at HCT". We try to be available every day to offer teacher and student support when it is needed.

Promotion & Advocacy

To promote the SSCE, we have a monthly newsletter, e-mail announcements, billboards that change regularly, a weekly slideshow on the SSCE TV Screens. Students are photographed holding up their passing IELTS or their graduation certificates thanking the SSCE and these are put up around campus. Our best promotional tactic, is walking around speaking individually to students, asking about their classes, taking an interest in their lives and making students feel that the SSCE is the place to be.

Community Outreach

We are open to anyone who visits FMC. We offer services to our continuing education classes, alumni and community members who are seeking to improve their English abilities. Students often request help for younger siblings who may be potential HCT students. We also support the language needs of many of our staff who are working on improving their education by taking higher education degrees as well as courses such as CELTA and DELTA.

Professional Development

The SSCE Coordinator has given workshops around the UAE on learner autonomy, reading motivation and i-Pads, especially "My Success at HCT". All the staff in the SSCE has taken advantage of the diverse PD sessions that are offered at the Fujairah Colleges and HCT in order to stay current in our field.

Special Responsibilities

The SSCE Coordinator has been involved with the System ILC Committee and has worked, along with Peter Waters, Nick Fallow, Andy Steel and Debra Crary, on the Action Plan for ILC Peer Self-Assessments. Darcy was also involved on two committees at Fujairah Colleges: Health and Safety and Poetry Day.

Goals for Next Year

The new ILC Coordinator, Aishah Al Yammahi will have a busy year next year. Her main goal will be to work closely with teachers and staff to create her own SSCE which helps at risk students and continues to support student retention and success. I wish her all the best and I know she will do a fantastic job!