

The Ohio Council of Chief Academic Officers of Two-Year Colleges  
Joint Meeting with Chief Student Services Officers  
Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2007

Present: Kay Adkins (Columbus State), Jim Baber (Jefferson), Dennis Budkowski (Marion Tech.), Sharon Brown (Edison), Therese Bushner (North Central State), Linda Carr (Northwest State), Lawrence Cox (Stark State) Martha Crawmer (Clark State), Dorey Diab (Rhodes State), Tom Huguley (Sinclair), Becki Kurtz (Belmont Tech.), Judith Maxson (Hocking), Robin Menschenfreund (Zane State), Mark Nutter (Washington State), Monica Posey (Cincinnati State), Paul Unger (Owens)

Guests: Stephanie Franz (OACC); Bob Casto, Paula Compton, Jane Fullerton, Tony Landis (OBR)

Information Sharing

Those CAOs who attended the Career Technical and Adult Education Policy Forum on February 20-21 shared some impressions. Several thought that the Forum provided good information about the status of statewide initiatives. Concern was expressed over the potential consolidation of Tech Prep with Perkins and the impact that change could have on current Tech Prep efforts. The future of the Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) also seems to be in a state of flux. The CT<sup>2</sup> initiative creates credit articulation agreements between adult vocational education and college programs. HB 699 provides for non-credit stackable certificates that may be transitioned into credit by colleges. Several CAOs wondered with so many initiatives moving forward is their sufficient oversight to make sure all the pieces fit together? Paul Unger recommended that the CAOs formulate a written position on CT<sup>2</sup> as well as the potential Tech Prep and Perkins consolidation. Many questions remain.

Stephanie Franz, Deputy Director of Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC)

- Stephanie reported that the organization is working through the transition after the departure of Terry Thomas. Lou Blackford of the OACC Board of Directors is assisting with the office's work.
- Stephanie presented information regarding the STEM Data "Proof of Concept" project through the Ohio Business Alliance for Higher Education and the Economy (BAHEE)." Sinclair, Northwest State, and Hocking College will be participating in this project. The project also includes representatives from the Ohio Board of Regents as well as private and public colleges. Dennis Budkowski suggested that this project should look to Project Lead the Way as an example of an effective STEM model. Stephanie provided a handout regarding the Ohio BAHEE project (see attachment).

Tony Landis and Jane Fullerton, Ohio Board of Regents

- Tony provided an update on Carl D. Perkins & Tech Prep through a PowerPoint presentation.
  - Decision will be made on the funding distribution and Tech Prep in June or July.
  - Major issues related to funding decisions will include accountability and required technical skill attainment measures, reporting of certificates, negotiations, and sanctions.

- Fund distribution is another major area of consideration. Presently, only 6 to 8% of Perkins funding goes directly to higher education. Colleges may also receive some additional funding through workforce development.
- A decision must be made regarding whether to consolidate Tech Prep with Perkins or keep Tech Prep separate.
- Governing Boards are encouraged to submit a letter to the Chancellor and the State Superintendent (with copies to John Tafel and Tony Landis) stating support or opposition to consolidation.
- Information on the Perkins Transition Plan can be found at [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us).
- Tony provided a handout with an overview of Tech Prep issue (see attachment).
- Jane Fullerton of the Ohio Board of Regents Staff introduced herself as attending in place of John Tafel who was called to another meeting. Jane usually works with issues related to transition from high school to college.
  - Jane distributed a new publication titled Science and Mathematics: A Formula for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Success. Page 6 of this document lists 5 recommendations related to strengthening science and mathematics outcomes for Ohio.
  - Dual enrollment is a major issue across the state. There is a state-wide panel that is meeting on this (Dennis Budkowski and Karen Wells are our representatives) and that group will make its recommendations by May.
  - A Placement Summit was held on February 2. More than 200 representatives from colleges and universities attended. Jane provided an overview of the meeting and distributed the agenda and two PowerPoint presentations from that summit: "Approaches to Statewide Assessment" and "Placement Summit" (See attachments). The summit initiated the discussion with the statewide higher education community. Jane added that there is little consistency at this time and much work to be done before we can even come to a pilot phase with statewide common placement practices.
- Bob Casto, OBR Consultant provided an update on the CT<sup>2</sup> initiative. He first spent some time addressing misconceptions regarding this project.
  - CT<sup>2</sup> is not really a transfer initiative. The focus is on moving students from one level to another for selected programs
  - Career Centers cannot grant college credit.
  - College credit is not automatically granted for certifications.
  - It is not necessarily true that "considerable amounts" of credit that may be awarded. Credit granted through CT<sup>2</sup> should not supersede college residency requirements. (See attached survey results showing residency requirements at several 2-year colleges.)
  - Bob presented a summary of CT<sup>2</sup> course equivalencies. Three panels have completed their work on drafts of course equivalencies. These are currently out for comment.
  - The legislation (HB 66 – see attached) requires that all institutions must participate if they have equivalent courses.
  - CT<sup>2</sup> does not replace College Tech Prep.
  - CT<sup>2</sup> does not replace local agreements. CT<sup>2</sup> is a minimum statewide standard. Local agreements may offer more credit. Conversely, if the local agreement does not reach the level of CT<sup>2</sup>, it will need to be amended.
  - CT<sup>2</sup> does not remove admission requirements. Those stand outside of CT<sup>2</sup>.

- There are opportunities for input into this new system through the statewide panel, through the process of comment on the draft language, and through a Beta test that will be conducted in the near future. Two-Year Colleges need to increase participation in the surveys that are currently being done.
- FAQs will be posted to the on the OBR website under credit transfer and CT<sup>2</sup>.
- Paula Compton stated that the TAG review process is being applied to this initiative in order to maintain rigor and quality. She recommended that we call the OBR staff if they we have questions about what is going on.
- Bob Casto talked about the timeline for the CT<sup>2</sup> process (See attached). Pilots will be done for each area in different regions of the state.

Bob Casto's presentation was followed by a period of discussion concerning the proliferation of new dual enrollment initiatives and regarding the rigor and quality of educational experiences necessary for those experiences to be counted toward college credit.

- Paula Compton, OBR Director of Articulation and Transfer, provided an update on the TAG process.
  - Paula provided information about TAG courses that have not been approved, submitted, or matched. She distributed lists of courses by institution regarding these categories. Paula also showed a new website (not yet live) that will assist students in finding out which TAG courses are transferable from institution to institution. This system is a beginning point for turning data into usable information. The "full court press" is on to get all colleges and universities to submit all TAG information because the website will go live soon.

### Business Meeting

- Minutes from the February 8 meeting were approved with correction of spelling of one name. Lawrence Cox moved for approval, Jim Baber seconded seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,947.53. We are waiting on reimbursement from Student Services group for the lunch bill from the combined meeting in February. Acceptance of the report was moved by Lawrence Cox, seconded Kay Adkins, and passed unanimously.
- Dorey Diab reported that we still need eight participants for the Chair Academy.
- Paul Unger urged all colleges to send a team to the next Regional Conferences on Higher Education Accountability (Student Success Plans).
- Dennis Budkowski reported on the progress of the committee working to redefine PSEO and dual enrollment options. The committee will be making a recommendation in May, but they seem to be far from agreement at this point on what those recommendations will be other than increasing access to higher education for students while they are still in high school.
- Dennis Budkowski moved and Sharon Brown seconded that the CAO group write and submit a position statement advocating that Tech Prep should be a separately funded initiative from Perkins. The statement will be submitted to State Superintendent Zellman and Interim Chancellor Walters. The motion passed unanimously.
- Roger Prystowsky moved that the CAO group draft a statement regarding the CT<sup>2</sup> initiative indicating what we understand the initiative to be and what we don't understand,

the concepts we support and the concepts we do not support, our expectations and a request for points of clarification. The previous CAO position paper on awarding of college credit should be referenced to support this statement. The motion was seconded by Judy Maxson and passed unanimously.

- Jim Baber asked if we were hearing any frustrations from superintendents over loss of funding to home schooling. This did not seem to be state-wide concern.
- Mark Nutter proposed that the CAOs work together to support more dialog regarding AQIP and PEAQ, perhaps by sponsoring a statewide annual best practices meeting or by establishing some common data points for comparison purposes. These ideas will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Robin invited everyone to meet for lunch at the Higher Learning Commission annual meeting on Monday after the second morning session.
- Linda Simmons wondered if we were aware of resources to deal with foreign students who have expired visas and want to take courses. Judy offered the name of someone from Hocking who has experience in this area.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nutter, Secretary