



THE OHIO COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2009
Ohio Board of Regents: Conference Room – 36th Floor

Attendees:

Dorey Diab	Cindy Krueger	Mark Nutter
Kay Adkins	Helen Grove	Richard Prystowsky
James Baber	Lisa Jozwiak	Paul Unger
Dennis Budkowski	Judith Maxson	Karen Wells
Chad Brown	Ryan McCall	
David Devier	Mindy McNutt	

Guests:

Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley- Vice Chancellor, OBR	Ron Abrams – President OACC	Terry Thomas – Associate Vice Chancellor, Adult Workforce Development
David Baber, OBR Consultant Technology Strategies and utilities -		

Updates from OACC and OBR Personnel

Ohio Board of Regents

Dr. Gellman-Danley spoke about the USO Strategic Plan and how it is driving the USO in the face of the economic times. She outlined the new organization with the OBR.

- ▶ January 1, 2009 – The adult education components of Ohio’s career centers and the adult basic education came under the OBR.
- ▶ The transfer issues now fall under the OBR as well as teacher education.
- ▶ The approval of new degree programs is a process that needs to be improved in both quality and timeline. The process will be tightened up but not to slow it up.
- ▶ The work with community colleges and contract training is also a focus.
- ▶ The Center of Excellence idea has yet to take hold completely in the community colleges.
- ▶ There are many concerns about all facets of the economy as it can be improved by higher education initiatives.

There was a discussion of the idea of non-duplication of programs. Dr. Gellman-Danley talked about the idea [that](#) if a given institution has an excellent program, does it not make sense to share their programming across the state.

There was a discussion of online instruction and [the](#) idea that it makes no sense, for example, to have every institution offer English. Online instruction needs to be shared.

There was a discussion of certificate programming and the need to change the accountability process to include not only degrees as the measure of success.

This discussion was expanded to the transfer of student issues and the accountability, or lack thereof, in measuring success.

There was conversation concerning reciprocity agreements and who is/will be in charge of managing their arrangements. Dr. Gellman-Danley reported that she would report back in this regard.

Dr. Gellman-Danley briefly discussed the many issues related to PSEO, dual enrollment, STS, etc. and suggested that more discussion take place in the future.

Ohio Board of Regents

Terry Thomas – Associate Vice Chancellor, Adult Workforce Development

- ▶ The Stackable Certificates initiative continues with work on the CWRS certificates being needed and requested nominations for faculty to serve on committees to help with the development of these certificates. Mr. Thomas reported on the monthly phone conversations and reports he has requested from the grant directors.
- ▶ There was discussion of the “Adult Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities” initiative. This initiative is focused on garnering college credit for adult students who are enrolled in programming with CTC’s and GED/ABLE units. This is different than the CT² initiative in that these students will be associated/enrolled with a college while they are still enrolled in the CTC or with ABLE. For CTC programming, students may be enrolled concurrently in college courses or granted college credit upon successful completion of the programming (tested). For ABLE programming, students may be connected with colleges by concurrent enrollment in developmental, general or technical education courses. There are financial issues yet to be addressed but all are encouraged to move in this direction.

Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Ron Abrams – President OACC

- ▶ Ron Abrams described the report the OACC submitted on behalf of the community colleges to the chancellor and the ongoing follow-up in light of the shortfall in the projected growth. There is a consultation being led by Paolo DeMaria made up of CAO’s, CFO’s, Presidents, etc., to determine how the numbers may be augmented. The idea [of that](#) the measures being used [are](#) not [being](#) completely in alignment with community college students’ goals was discussed. Can the community colleges somehow measure goal attainment?
- ▶ Dr. Abrams also reported on the budget cuts and the challenge of the future budgets.
- ▶ The new legislature has started in the new year with many new members and it will take some time for the leadership to be established. There are many challenges facing them.

- ▶ The faculty symposium is set up and registration is available at the OSCC website. Adjunct faculty are eligible. All are encouraged to have faculty attend.
- ▶ The OACC office will be moving to 175 South ~~third~~ Third Street, Suite 560, Columbus, Ohio 43215. They should be in their new office location by March 1st.

Apple Computer

Three individuals from Apple Computer presented on opportunities for students with certifications with the Apple Authorized Training Center for Education offerings. There are opportunities for community colleges to offer courses leading to the certifications on or off campus. Instructors need to be certified by Apple and Apple provides training. All were invited to follow up with the Apple presenter.

Ohio Board of Regents

David Barber – OBR Consultant, Technology Strategies and Utilities

- ▶ Mr. Barber reported on the changes related to the OLN in regards to its new connections with the academic and technology components of the OBR. Distance Learning, Student Services, and Technology Integration are three areas where the OLN-OBR connections will be critical. The budget pressures will cause a much closer look to be taken at all of these activities. OhioLINK is currently being directly impacted by the budget cuts. He is working to bring together the many activities into a more effective, perhaps centralized, process.
- ▶ An OBR Information Technology Advisory Group has been formed to look at all the information technology issues—electronic transcript and transfer exchange is moving ahead for the USO and K-12 is next to be addressed.
- ▶ A brief discussion concerning the possibility of a centralized course management system lead only to only the recognition that any such move would take both funding and timing.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with two minor edits in the Meeting Attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Kay Adkins reported a total of \$2,482.95 in the treasury.

Old Business

- ▶ Dr. Diab reported on the February 12th joint meeting with the Student Affairs officers. He is currently working to have the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor in attendance. Not sure if the CFO's will be attending.
- ▶ Dr. Unger reported on the "College Portrait" process. He disseminated each institution's Portrait. These were put together by the OBR staff with guidelines from Doctors Unger and Law. All data were pulled from the HEI System so if you notice discrepancies in your data, please review what your institution is reporting. These reports will serve the purpose to begin our

formal reporting to address the Strategic Plan. It was decided that “Ohio Community College Portrait” will be the title used. As time goes on, this report will be reviewed and expanded as the total group deems appropriate. This report does not include the student learning assessment components required.

Committee Reports

No committee reports.

Other

- ▶ Dr. Diab reported on the Technical Colleges transition to AA/AS – HLC accreditation. [So far, four institutions received approval.](#)
- ▶ There was discussion of the Semester Conversion and the possibility of streamlining the TAGS process and it was decided that this topic would be expanded upon at the March meeting
- ▶ Seniors to Sophomores and Dual Enrollment were briefly discussed.
- ▶ Enrollment was generally reported to be up significantly by institution.
- ▶ Dr. Devier reported that the Ohio Collegiate Athletic Conference (OCAC) was officially chartered in December, with seven member institutions.

Adjournment