



THE OHIO COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC

## OFFICERS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

**Meeting:** Thursday, December 4, 2008  
Ohio Board of Regents: Board Room – 36<sup>th</sup> Floor

### **Attendees:**

Dorey Diab	Helen Grove	Richard Prystowski
James Baber	Fred Law	Linda Simmons
Chad Brown – Zane State	Judy Maxson	
Dennis Budkowski	Mark Nutter	
John Crooks	Don Plotts	
David Devier	Monica Posey	

### **Guests:**

Ron Abrams – President, OACC	Mike Snider , Consultant, OACC	Cheryl Hacker – Attorney General’s Office
Tony Landis, OBR - Assistant Director, Tech Prep & Perkins	Kate Carey – OBR – Director, Course and Program Sharing	Rick Mangini, ODE _ Associate Director, Pathways, Programs and Services – Career Technical and Adult Education

## *Updates from OACC and OBR Personnel*

### **OACC Updates**

#### **Accountability Metrics**

Ron Abrams reported on Accountability Metrics. He indicated that the report should be completed by December 6 and he will share as soon as possible. There was discussion of the numbers of projected student enrollments as reported by the Colleges and that this total is below the 230,000 desired increase.

#### **Affordability Report**

Ron also reported on the Affordability Report for which there is still not a finished template. He will update everyone as this plays out.

### **Higher Education Budget Short-fall**

Dr. Abrams reported on the budget short-fall and that there is almost no way that higher education will be able to continue to be held harmless. The Governor will meet with the Presidents today (December 4) to discuss this major issue. There was discussion of the tuition issue and if it was going to be possible to continue with the freeze. Retention, if increased, would continue to impact SSI needs and programs such as "Achieve the Dream," if expanded, would directly impact retention and, therefore, drive up SSI.

There was some discussion of the adult components of the career centers and what the impact will be of bringing these units under the OBR. The "concurrent enrollment" model is still in draft (II) and when it is completed, it should help with the many issues related with this major change. Much discussion ensued related to all these factors.

### **Electrical Apprenticeship Credit Initiative**

Mike Snider reported on the electrical trade's apprenticeship credit initiative. Work continues on the state-wide review of the curriculum in regard to how it will match up with credit hours. The community colleges need to be engaged in this process.

### **Faculty Symposium**

Snider reported on the First Annual Statewide Faculty Symposium to be held March 5 and 6, 2009 at the Doubletree Worthington. Chancellor Fingerhut will provide the kick-off on the evening of March 5 and then all day March 6, the faculty will have opportunities to learn in detail about the USO Strategic Plan in such areas as the Ohio Skills Bank, ABLE Programs, CT<sup>2</sup>, STS, etc. It will be free for faculty. The CAOs were asked to send Mike an estimate of how many faculty would attend.

### **Joint Meeting with Student Affairs and Chief Business Officers**

Chairman Diab asked Dr. Abrams and the group to respond to the idea of the joint meeting with the Student Affairs Officers and Chief Business Officers. He reported on the input he received from the Student Affairs group. Ron conveyed the idea of better communication and alignment of the new system/community. The idea will continue to be worked on.

## **OBR Updates**

### **Articulation Through Assessment**

Tony Landis and Rich Mangini reported on the "Articulation through Assessment" initiative, which is centered on "Career Field Technical Content Standards Certificate Development Project". The need is for a secondary assessment driven by the new Perkins initiatives based on the recently developed career standards. The college faculty need to be engaged to help develop those assessments so that they align with the college curricula.

Faculty and administrators are needed to review the career curricula to determine where the cross-walks exist. Then the faculty are needed to help develop the assessment test items. This will hopefully lead to more assured articulation pathways. The faculty engaged will need to meet in Columbus for two to three days to help with the test items and later to validate the items and establish cutoff standards. Discussion ensued about the issue of having faculty do this during the academic terms. The CAOs will work with this process to identify faculty to participate.

### **Program Sharing Network**

Kate Carey shared with the group the details of the Program Sharing Network. She is now under the OBR and is working on linking all the community college programs in a community approach. Setting aside all the issues relating to how to do this, what can be done to make this happen? She reported on her review of the online AA offerings at Ohio Community Colleges. Phase one will be to share these offerings to create opportunities for students. Phase two will involve the sharing of technical offerings. The last possibilities will center on new – 21<sup>st</sup> century offerings that can be developed. There was discussion of the many facets of these ideas.

## **Attorney General's Office Updates**

### **Higher Education Opportunity Act**

Cheryl Hacker reported on the Higher Education Opportunity Act. She gave an overview of the various elements in the annual report. In her overview, she covered the following:

- ▶ The Clery Act Amendment,
- ▶ Fire Safety Disclosures,
- ▶ Disclosure of Textbook Information,
- ▶ Copyright Infringement Policy Disclosures,
- ▶ Financial Aid-Related Policies and Disclosures,
- ▶ The Code of Conduct, and
- ▶ Cost Reporting.

There was discussion of all of these items in regard to how colleges should address each.

Cheryl also reported that the EMS training package is looking at new/revised standards for programs.

## ***Business Meeting***

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the October 9 minutes. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of Kay Adkins, no Treasurer's Report was given.

### **Old Business**

- ▶ Discussion of the joint meeting with the Student Affairs and Business Affairs Officers ensued. The pros and cons were debated for holding the meeting (as well as suggested topics). The decision was made to move forward with a half day meeting on February 12 under Chairman Diab's leadership.
- ▶ The group discussed whether to hold a meeting in January. After brief discussion, the group decided that a meeting would be held on January 8.

- ▶ Quarter to Semester conversion was discussed. The impact on TAG and Transfer module courses was discussed and Mark Nutter agreed to talk to Paula Compton about a possible fast track for the semester conversion process.
- ▶ The Chair Academy was discussed and put on hold for now.

### **New Business**

- ▶ The Apple Training Program was introduced and Chairman Diab was encouraged to invite them to make a presentation to the group.
- ▶ Committee Reports
  - Dennis Budkowski reported on the Tech Prep Implementation Team
  - There was a brief discussion of the AP blanket score policy

### **Announcements**

- ▶ Chad Brown will be Interim Vice President for Zane State.
- ▶ Dorey Diab has accepted the position of Provost at Stark State beginning January 20.