



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

**Meeting:** Thursday, March 12, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Ohio Board of Regents: Conference Room – 36<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Attendees:**

Jim Baber	Lisa Jozwiak	Richard Prystowsky
Robert Beckstrum - Lorain	Cindy Krueger	Linda Simmons
Peggy Bradfield – Tri-C	Fred Law	
Dennis Budkowski	Ryan McCall	
David H. Devier	Mindy McNutt	
Dorey Diab	Judith Maxson	
Tom Erney – Columbus State	Mark Nutter	

**Guests:**

Ron Abrams - OACC	Cheryl Hacker – Atty General’s Office	Kate Carey - OBR
Rich Petrick – OBR	Donna Marhevka, Atty General’s Office	

### *Updates and Information Sharing*

#### **Funding and Budget – Rich Petrick**

Higher Education has fared well in these tough financial times. The Governor is committed to holding down college costs and, therefore, has recommended that additional SSI be committed to support community colleges to enable them to continue the tuition freeze. The Federal Stimulus efforts have helped the state in these efforts.

Rich distributed the proposed budget figures (see attached). He explained the process that was used to determine the projections. The 2009 budget figures are based wholly on enrollment and 2010 is based on 95% enrollment and 5% on momentum points. There was considerable discussion of these projections and related items. All the data related to the funding projections will be on the web for all to view.

The “Making Opportunity Affordable” initiative is being managed by an outside consultant and the end result will be given to the State and funding agency by late spring. The hope is that the resulting recommendations will bring change. There are scheduled discussions across the state in the near future.

## **OACC Updates**

Dr. Abrams reported on several items including:

- ▶ State Share of Instruction for Community Colleges, as was reported by Rich Petrick, has been the focus of the Chancellor. This means that the Access Challenge goes away as a separate funding stream and is being rolled into SSI at the fiscal 2008-2009 levels. The overall recommendations are as strong as can be hoped for in the face of the current economic times.
- ▶ He discussed the OCOG funding proposal which will/could highly impact the community colleges with reduced funding. The Federal Pell will/would be applied first followed by OCOG funds. The OACC is working on a revision to this proposal.
- ▶ The next point covered the Chancellor's proposal to level Associate Degree tuition. The Chancellor has asked for temporary power to alter the tuition at Associate Degree offering institutions. Ron thinks that the Chancellor will withdraw this proposal.
- ▶ There was a brief discussion of the Chancellor's proposal for increased collaboration across the institutions in such areas as administration costs by sharing Presidents, CAO's, CFO's, etc. Ron feels that the hope is for the institutions to begin to work together to create efficiencies but if there is no movement, there may be possible action taken.
- ▶ There was a conversation concerning the Faculty Symposium as well and it was very positive.
- ▶ Ron talked briefly about the Lumina Foundation funding for "Achieving the Dream" at the current five institutions and his hope that all 23 campuses can become "Achieving the Dream" institutions. It was suggested that as a planning step that current "Achieving the Dream" institutions can help with the planning of a meeting to advance the understanding of the ATD.
- ▶ He reminded everyone about the Co-Op Internship Grant RFP.
- ▶ The OACC Office has moved to 175 South Third Street, Suite 560 and we can hold our meetings there.

## **OBR Updates**

Kate Carey reported on the Course and Program Sharing Network. Their effort is currently focused on the online AA/AS degree offering institutions who may be able to help other institutions such as the technical colleges augment their offerings. There was considerable conversation regarding the overall initiative.

The OBR is heading into an E-Learning process that will more aggressively offer online learning.

Quick Start is still alive but has no funding. There appears to be overlap with Stackable Certificates in the College Readiness Certificates.

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

Cheryl Hacker and Donna Marhevka reported on the "draft" clinical agreement template that they are developing to help address the many questions that are arising across the State (see attached). This template, once adopted, will provide for better and more consistent handling of the process. The end result will be better safe guards for the College, student, and clinical sites. There are FERPA and HEPA issues that are also applicable. Ms. Hacker covered the draft agreement completely, addressing questions as they were raised. There was discussion of background checks and the many issues that are arising. Make sure that students have insurance and include this dollar amount in the agreement.

Donna Marhevka discussed the issues related to student complaints regarding non-admission or forced withdrawal from programs related to criminal histories. She disseminated sample disclosure for the student handbook and/or admission's materials outlining the requirements for entry into the given

profession such as medical, social work, education, etc. She also provided a sample student consent and authorization to access criminal background information document.

There was a brief discussion of indemnification as desired by out-of-state agencies and that colleges are not allowed to commit to this requirement.

## *Business Meeting*

### **Approval of Minutes**

The January 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as disseminated.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Actual Income:           \$5,781.24

Actual Expenditures:   \$3,567.69

**Balance:                   \$2,213.55**

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

### **Old Business**

There was a brief discussion covering the joint February meeting. In general the feedback was good and all encouraged for this joint meeting to continue. COTC offered to host the meeting in 2010. More interaction with the two groups was suggested. Possible topics suggested included:

- ▶ Achieving the Dream
- ▶ Best Practices in Collaborations
- ▶ Momentum Points

### **New Business**

- ▶ Mark Nutter reported on a meeting held at OU concerning possible shared services across institutions. One of the ideas that came out of this discussion was the proposal for state-wide video conferences focused on various issues, best practices once a month. If each of the 23 institutions took a turn, it would only be one offering in two years.
- ▶ Dorey reported on the Economic Education Summit and a discussion there concerning all the dual enrollment initiatives. There was considerable discussion on all the various ways the dual enrollment program is carried out (i.e., STS, Dual Enrollment, PSEO, etc.). After much debate, it was determined that at a future meeting there will be a sharing of how these programs are being carried out and that after the STS reports are received this summer, we will hold further discussion.
- ▶ The April meeting will be held at the HLC Conference in Chicago on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. Meet in the hotel lobby.
- ▶ Richard Prystowsky asked for suggestions for an Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences.

- ▶ Fred Law asked how institutions are dealing with the Reauthorization of Higher Education Act in regards to verification of on-line students. There was a brief discussion of how some of the institutions are managing this issue
- ▶ The nomination committee will meet and bring forth a slate of officers at the May meeting.

Adjournment at 1:50 P.M.