



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

Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Ohio Board of Regents: Conference Room – 36th Floor

Attendees:

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| John Crooks - Lorain | Mindy McNutt - Edison | Richard Prystowsky - COTC |
| David Devier – Clark State | Ryan McCall – Southern State | Karen Reed - Mansfield State |
| Dorey Diab – Stark State | Dennis Marion | Linda Simmons – Cuyahoga CC |
| Gloria Goldman - Sinclair | Judy Maxson - Hocking | Barry Thompson - Rio |
| Lisa Jozwiak - Terra | Mark Nutter – Washington State | J. Michael Thompson - Cuyahoga |
| Cindy Krueger – Northwest State | Monica Posey – Cincinnati State | Paul Unger - Owens |

Guests:

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| Ron Abrams – President – OACC | Paula Compton - Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation & Transfer - OBR | Tony Landis - Director, College & Career Transitions - OBR |
| Kate Carey – OBR, Loaned Executive, OLN – Director, Academic Innovation | Terry Thomas - Associate Vice Chancellor, Adult Workforce Development OBR | Denise Pottmeyer - Director, ABLE – OBR |
| Cathy Shelby – Director, Exceptional Children – ODE | Ike Kershaw – Assistant Director of Career Technology - ODE | |

Updates from OBR and OACC

Ron Abrams - OACC

Dr. Abrams reported on the ongoing state budget process. He asked all to remember that in this year’s (2009) budget, that higher education has been protected and that the intent is to continue this initiative. The initial 2010 budget did not support community colleges as well as universities and the OACC has pushed back for additional funding, which has been supported by the Senate.

He also reported that the OCOG change that favors universities has not changed as of this date. There may be changes but OCOG may be reduced or eliminated to help balance the budget and protect SSI.

The Senate and House have not agreed on the budget so it goes to the Conference Committee to determine the final budget. There may be some sort of temporary budget crafted, though this is not desirable. He asked all to remember that part of our future funding will be performance based and that student aid (OCOG) may become performance based to increase effectiveness.

The Chancellor is cutting OBR resources and staff to save money. The transfer-articulation-TAG work funding for 2010-2011 is considered for elimination.

A discussion was held regarding the performance funding—*momentum points*, which will be applied in 2011. Ron Abrams indicated that data from 2010 will likely serve as the base for the 2011 measurements.

The Pharmacy Tech Programs are currently in the budget bill to establish standards but this does not include community colleges. It looks like this may be changed to include community colleges.

The Semester Conversion process continues with a good number of the two-year institutions already making the move as are all the universities. OBR is helping facilitate this process.

Dr. Abrams reported on the “Achieving the Dream” initiative across the State and that the Gates Foundation funding for the current five colleges has been secured.

The Co-Op/Internship grant funding, which has been eliminated from the budget may be brought back in a limited way.

Kate Carey – Distance Learning Meeting Follow-Up

Kate Carey reported on the May 28th Distance Learning Meeting and the survey of Distance Education (DE). The survey provided excellent data. The meeting was well attended (90+) with excellent interchange among those in attendance. The effort was good in getting everyone on the same page but not many new “big ideas” so a “Big Idea Committee” of about 20 from across the state will work on initiatives to keep the state ahead in DE.

The program sharing process will continue but be set to the side in the short term while the DE big ideas are worked on. She is working to collect data from across the state from each institution about the needs and programs to help gain a better understanding of where we are now. From this process the big ideas for future directions will be garnered. The group agreed that there needs to be a state driven initiative in this arena before we can be successful.

There was a discussion of how HLC is dealing with the DE degree approval for institutions and the apparent conservative approach to approval.

Paula Compton, Terry Thomas and Denise Pottmeyer – College Non-Credit and Workforce Development

Denise Pottmeyer reported on the ongoing work with the Stackable Certificates initiative. Over the last year, the work has been centered on the Basic and Advanced Certificates to be delivered by Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE). There were committees convened to determine the competencies for each certificate and the final standards will be released soon.

The current work is focusing on the CWRSC's for math, writing, reading, study skills, and information technology skills. She outlined the work to align the efforts from ABLE into college developmental and credit courses. They are holding meetings this summer to work out the competencies for the Math, English, Study Skills/Critical Thinking and IT Foundations. They are looking for additional participants and these names may be submitted to Traci Lepicki at (614) 292-7033 or lepicki.1@osu.edu. There was discussion of various efforts across the state to tie ABLE and community colleges together. These include college credit for bridge courses.

The ABLE Grants Application process is ongoing and the decisions will be made in the near future with reduced funding. There is also going to be a second grant application to work on a collaborative effort with community colleges, ABLE and Adult Career Education to pull these efforts together.

Terry Thomas reported that he is retiring effective June 30 and that Bill Russell will be assuming a broadened position.

He talked about funding challenges and how these are affecting some of the various initiatives. He did say that there will be funding for Stackable Certificates and Skills Bank efforts in 2010 but not sure where these funds will come from. The funding for non-credit efforts across the state is under pressure and if it is lost or limited, there will be a domino effect with other areas being impacted. The Jobs Challenge and Enterprise Ohio Funds have already been cut.

The Adult Career Technical Transfer initiative continues to move ahead with discussion of how funding for concurrent enrollment of Adult Career Technical Education with college credit will be granted. The funding model for Adult Career Technical Education is of great concern. The Adult Career Technical Education Transfer Committee (Mark Nutter and Monica Posey are on this committee) met June 5th to continue discussions. The discussion expanded to include the idea of moving the Adult Career Technical Education program under the community colleges.

Paula Compton reported on the TAG initiative and the need to add some faculty to the state committees. She then talked about how the TAG efforts will be affected by the semester conversion and that this will require the state efforts to streamline the TAG process for all the new semester courses. There is a committee working on this issue.

Tech Prep Changes/Updates - Tony Landis (OBR), Cathy Shelby (ODE) and Ike Kershaw (ODE)

Tony Landis reported that the Federal Tech Prep funding is solid but the state funding has been cut in a limited way by eliminating some of the funding for new initiatives that have been funded in the past.

Standards for Tech Prep have been fully developed and the operational details of the Tech Prep Consortia continue to be considered. The committee is working on initiatives to garner credit for Tech Prep pathways in more creative ways.

The Career Technical Credit Transfer (CT²) efforts continue to move forward and the goal is to accelerate the process.

Cathy Shelby reported on the Perkins requirement that every fund receiving unit (CTC) have at least one *program of study* on file, which includes a partnership with a college(s). The accountability of Tech Prep is under development on such decisions as college entry and completion as part of the Perkins Law.

She also reported that there is a long term goal to transition high school career programs from *program based* to *course based*. While this does not marry up well with the Federal standards, it will/would help with the articulation from these programs to colleges.

Ike reported on the development of state CT pathway exams that have made progress in item development for review areas and two areas reached validation. The work will continue this fall.

Lunch

During the lunch hour, Paul Unger showed Mark Milliron's CD on technology and learners.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of May 14, 2009, were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the CAO account is \$929.92. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Old Business

- ▶ **Institutional Dues** – All were reminded of the institutional dues to be sent to Columbus State (\$200).
- ▶ **Agenda Items for 2009/2010** – A request was made for 2009/2010 agenda items to be sent to Richard Prystowsky.
- ▶ **Combined Student Affairs/CAO Meeting** – The combined meeting of the Student Affairs Officers and Chief Academic Officers has been scheduled for February 2010 at Central Ohio Technical College.

New Business

- ▶ **Student's State Financial Aid – Linda Simmons**
Linda Simmons led a discussion concerning the state's approval of financial aid. She provided a "white paper: outlining an alternate approach to the current proposed OCOG Model.
- ▶ **MDRC Project – Dr. Unger**
Dr. Unger talked about the MDRC project that Owens, Lorain and Sinclair are participating in and that its performance-based approach may lead to changes in the Ohio process.
- ▶ **Student Success and Assessment Summit** – The Student Success and Assessment summit will be held June 23rd in Columbus, Ohio, at the Fawcett Center. The cost is \$25 and a lunch is included.
- ▶ **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the CAO group is scheduled for September 10, 2009.

Committee Reports

There was a brief discussion of the new committee working on streamlining the TAG process for the semester conversion.

Other

Mark commended Dorey and David for their efforts this year as Chair and Secretary.