



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

Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Ohio Board of Regents: Conference Room – 36th Floor

Attendees:

Jim Baber – Jefferson CC	Lisa Jozwiak - Terra	Richard Prystowsky - COTC
Chad Brown – Zane State	Cindy Krueger – Northwest State	Karen Reed - Mansfield State
Dennis Budkowski - Belmont	Becki Kurtz – Belmont Tech	Linda Simmons – Cuyahoga CC
David Devier – Clark State	Fred Law – Lakeland	Paul Unger - Owens
Dorey Diab – Stark State	Mindy McNutt – Edison	Karen Wells - Lorain
Tom Erney – Columbus State	Judy Maxson - Hocking	
Tom Hughley – Sinclair	Mark Nutter – Washington State	

Guests:

Rich Petrick – OBR, Vice Chancellor, Finance	Chad Foust – OBR, Director, State Grants and Scholarships	Mike Snider – Consultant, OACC
Kate Carey – OBR, Loaned Executive, OLN – Director, Academic Innovation	Corey Hawkey – OBR, Scheduler/Assistant Director, Communications	Roland Moser, Ohio Environmental Council

Updates and Information Sharing

Paul Unger and Fred Law reported on the status of the Ohio Community Colleges’ Portrait and the individual college portraits. All these data are taken from the HEI data that is reported. These reports will be presented to the OACC at the retreat on Friday, May 15, and will be posted on the OBR website soon. Colleges will add additional information on specific areas to show their strengths. There was discussion of the V.E.S. and the group supports this process.

Updates from OBR and OACC

Budget and Funding – Rich Petrick

Rich reported on the budget process and stated that the Bill that came out of the House is way out of balance and that the Senate will have to cut significantly before there will be a final budget. None the less, the SSI has held solid. The Momentum Points concept for community college funding is moving ahead with the first 5% being applied in 2011. The developmental education piece of this process will not be included for the first year.

There was discussion of the funding (SSI) increases in which the universities receive more (6%) funding than the community colleges (4.57%) but that the second year of the budget has a community college increase (2+%) and the universities will not receive any increase but will be able to raise tuition.

OCOG Change Proposal – Chad Foust

Chad reported on the OCOG change proposal. OIG is being phased out this year. OCOG was created before the Strategic Plan and was intended to improve the situation over OIG. The current proposal for changing the process is based on the desire to increase the impact of the State's help for students. The proposal is to apply the OCOG after the Pell grant is applied. The new proposal will allow the OCOG to be applied to additional costs beyond tuition such living expenses. Most community college students will not be receiving OCOG under the new program.

There was much discussion concerning the proposal based on the impact that this will have on community college students causing them to borrow significant funds to attend. These students are the least able to handle these loans. The needs of community college students are for living expenses much more than tuition and fees. The process should be modified to include the standards of academic progress (it is there now but loose) indicated in the federal guidelines.

Distance Learning Plan – Kate Carey

Kate reported on the Distance Learning Plan being worked on and the May 28th meeting on Ohio's distance education initiatives. To prepare for the meeting, Kate is conducting a survey that all should reply to and also be prepared to report on what each college is doing. There was discussion of what the overall distance education would be in Ohio including the possibility of a statewide common online learning platform. Identifying the online learners to comply with the HEA was discussed as well as the assessment.

Ohio Green Pathways Project – Corey Hawkey and Noland Moser

Corey Hawkey and Noland Moser reported on the Ohio Green Pathways Project, which has been developed to facilitate a statewide initiative to interest students in green careers (college programs). The Ohio Environmental Council is becoming more focused on economic development.

Green Jobs have been limited in definition so the Green Pathways Project has broadened out the definition to include energy usage in all forms and across all industries and sectors of the economy.

The Governor's "Building Ohio's Jobs" proposal created many new initiatives that will create new jobs and opportunities across all sectors of the state and create significant green jobs. The community colleges are in a unique position to help develop these green workers.

Key Objectives:

- ▶ Create a website and program database

- ▶ Create an advisory panel
- ▶ Expand educational opportunities
- ▶ Implement and communicate

They demonstrated the Montana website, which is an example of where they hope to see this going. There was considerable discussion of the opportunities associated with the green initiatives.

OACC Faculty Symposium – Mike Snider

Mike reported on the OACC Faculty Symposium and the success associated with bringing together the faculty from all the colleges. There was discussion of making this an annual event. Possible topics to include:

- ▶ Distance Education
- ▶ Teaching in the 21st Century
- ▶ Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

The discussion included excellent ideas and comments. There will also be a fall conference for student services similar in format.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 12th meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the CAO account is \$1,201.92. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Old Business

Dual Enrollment – If the House Bill passes, the local schools will determine if and how they want to work on dual enrollments. There was considerable discussion on the topic and the conclusion is to continue the discussion in the future and wait for further clarification from the state. There was also a discussion on the possibility of writing a white paper. This idea was put on hold.

New Business

- ▶ The HLC requirement for verification of student identification for online instruction was discussed
- ▶ The HLC requirement that off-site/new sites offering 50% or more of degree offerings be approved prior to such offerings. This includes any Title III eligible certificates as well.
- ▶ Membership ideas were discussed and it was determined to keep the dues at \$200 for 2009-2010.

Officers for 2009-2010

The slate of Officers for 2009-2010:

- ▶ Secretary – Cindy Krueger
- ▶ Treasurer – TBA – Columbus State CAO
- ▶ Vice Chair – Dr. David H. Devier

▶ Chair – Richard Prystowsky

The slate of officers was approved.

CT²

There was a brief discussion of the CT² process, which gives credit to career center adult units. The career centers are like the non-credit component of community colleges. The community colleges truly need to get something similar approved for the colleges' non-credit courses.

Committee Reports

None

Other

June 23rd is the Student Success Seminar.