

VPAA Meeting WebEx
April 13, 2020
3:00 PM

Kathryn welcomed everyone to the WebEx. She hoped everyone was safe from the storms over the previous 24 hours.

On-line Course Survey – Kathryn thanked the group for getting these surveys turned in pretty quickly. With so many dislocated workers it is a great time to showcase short term, on-line program offerings among our colleges. These may help people enhance skills or even transition to new jobs. Kathryn pointed out that the two columns should be closely addressed. The spring column could be currently offered programs or ones that could still be started. The summer column was for programs offered starting summer or already planned. Kathryn reiterated that the lists were due later on today from everyone.

Lab Work – Joe Dan stated that plans are coming in and that it is important to know how the total numbers of students in a given time period or location are spread out. Are they separated in different buildings or even campuses? Are there down times in between groups? These details are important for quick approvals.

Dual Enrollment Updates – Mark cautioned the group to be careful about letting DE students on campus. Each instance will need district approvals. The portal requests submitted for DE students will also need the district details provided.

Dianne then gave an update on the DE guidance document. She said she needed to know about resources that were being given to traditional high school teachers teaching the DE courses. Colleges said they had been offering training and in some instances laptops for the most part. Dianne stated that the document should be out later on in the week. Dianne also stated that she had some conversations with the independent college folks about HB 444 being signed, but as of today there was still no timeframe.

Dianne concluded by explaining that each district was making its own decisions about grades. Several on the WebEx indicated that there were concerns with CNA. Dianne said she would continue to look for answers.

Articulation – Kathryn stated that she had reached out to USG regarding alternative grades for articulated courses. As of today she had not gotten a response. Kathryn asked if anyone else had heard anything but no one else had either.

GVTC and OER Updates – Robert stated that there were some great webinars planned for this week. Colleges continue to support these in a big way. Pam and Niki had decided to push back the OER project by a month. Applications would be due in May and the group would start in June.

Pam then showed the group the Respondus lock down browser and monitor. So far eight colleges were using this and now the rest of the colleges could pick it up free until late June. Pam would be working with the remaining colleges to implement this in the coming week.

POA Updates – Steven Ferguson stated that his group had been working on a front end answer for what programs are offered on-line. His team was wanting to show Tech Ed, Adult Ed, and Economic Eevelopment offerings in a one stop site. Steven demonstrated the basic web navigation of a new site for the group. The main enhancement is there is now a radio button available that can filter just the online offerings for a college or area. Kathryn reiterated to the group that it was important for the colleges to check accuracy of these reports and information for the coming weeks.

Kathryn thanked the group for their participation and stated that the next WebEx would be Wednesday afternoon.