

VPAA Teleconference

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

Welcome- Dr. Kathryn Hornsby

1. Flexibility regarding lab hours (ensuring that program accreditors' requirements are being met!)- Kathryn Hornsby

TCSG perspective – flexibility. It is a college decision. Just ensure that competencies are covered and accreditor requirements are met.

2. ACA part-time faculty rules- Joe Dan Banker

Collect hours that adjunct accumulates over each semester. The total amount is reported at the end of the summer. You have the ability to adjust their hours at a later date to keep them below the 30 hour workload limit. GEMA hours should be added/calculated. There are instances at some of the colleges in which benefits have been/are offered due to work load units 30 or over but most refuse. ACA rules/laws are still in effect. No adjustment, nor additional options have been made due to COVID-19.

3. Accuplacer- Suspension- Derek Dabrowiak

The Commissioner has provided flexibility in the administration of ACCUPLACER. Was discussed with the VPSA's earlier today. Each college should determine their own process. Have an option of no testing. One suggestion from VPSAs was adjusting the HS GPA for various programs/courses. Want students to continue to be successful. **Are there negative implications for transfer courses/programs?** Kathryn is working on that. Has reached out to Barbara Brown with USG. **How do we handle Learning Support?** If we use HS GPA, then that would determine what they take. Question about what to do with those students who have already tested – the college decides what to do with them. Adjustments to Banner will need to be made.

4. How to deal with Career Academies. What are the colleges supposed to do when the Career Academies close?- Mark Peevy

He has reached out to all 49 academies. This is being handled individually across the state. The colleges will need to reach out directly to their Career Academy Partners. There will not be a collective response. Mark will be happy to help with communications in individual circumstances.

5. College lab usage and related questions- Joe Dan Banker

Additional clarification will be sent to the presidents either this afternoon or tomorrow morning. Web based site developed to request waivers for reopening of labs. Colleges must follow guidelines in place regarding social distancing, etc. Concern of students, faculty, and staff are of upmost concern. Presidents will enter the requests for their college. Examples could include:

--Providing students who have limited technology access in computer labs.

--Open testing centers so we can conduct TEAS and PSB testing?

You will need to think include your process for cleaning and sanitizing of space and equipment. Each proposal will be reviewed and each proposal will receive a response. You will need to be prepared to close that space immediately should the need arise.

Regarding questions about placing students in trucks for truck driving, maybe on a 1:1 basis?
Commissioner talked to DDS Commissioner. DDS will restart CDL testing on April 1. Everyone will be suited in PPE. Each truck will be sanitized. We will first see if that works before addressing this issue at the TCSG colleges. A decision will then be made by TCSG system. Most likely from Josh Mckoon.

Clarified that if a college holds any open labs, tutoring, advising, or library services – the college must first submit this request through the portal.

Discussion with Presidents today included the possibility that GEMA or local agencies might request space usage on a college.

Please ask questions as they arise.

6. Extension of “I” grades. What does policy say – is it college decision? If extension is given, Banner will need to be adjusted.- Derek Dabrowiak

Meeting with Enterprise services regarding Banner adjustments.
No policy exists. I grade decision is left to each college. Work with your financial aid staff.
Robert – work with VA certification staff.

7. Advisory Committees- Kathryn Hornsby

Programs can hold virtual advisory committee meetings which would be better than suspending them.

8. Internship Best Practices- College Discussion

Albany: Emmett reported: Students who are continuing to work. Hotel/restaurant internships not completing, as restaurants and hotels closed.

Athens: Glen reported: ECCE problem as students cannot go to centers. College gathering information for remaining internships.

Atlanta Tech: Caroline reported: In holding pattern as businesses closed and Atlanta area in lockdown. Anticipate issuing I grades. Possibility of working with businesses for students to develop individual projects.

Augusta: Melissa reported: Business internships – dean working with industry partners. Students completing through research projects. Concern with ECCE.

Central GA: Amy reported: in holding pattern. Buying time to get to spring break. Plan will be developed afterward. Questions: which colleges are running clinicals – Southern Crescent are still running for all that they can with their senior students.

Chattahoochee: Jason: Completing 83% of internship hours and will submit to SACSCOC.

Coastal Pines: Amanda: students with children at home have provided instruction to their children, videoed, and uploaded.

Columbus: Kemelle: ECCE students cannot complete. Rest are apprenticeships and will complete.
Georgia Northwestern: Elizabeth: Some will meet hours as they are working in industry. ECCE is a problem.

Ga Piedmont: Cheree: Couple of programs (HIMT) continue to work. ECCE a program as students cannot complete hours. Waiting to see if they will continue to teach on line for rest of term.

Gwinnett: Rebecca: ECCE is a concern, students can't get into school system. Concern with auto tech. Others have completed their internship hours.

Lanier: Donna: Internship hours being completed at employers. Haven't heard from all departments.

North GA: Mindy: Lot of interns are completing hours at employers. They will work through their spring break.

Oconee Fall Line: Michelle: Except for ECCE, all internships at employers and are completing.

Ogeechee: Ryan: Few Internships. ECCE hopeful that they can get them back into the workplace before the end of term.

Savannah: Al: Extended spring break. Paralegal internship was moved online. ECCE not being filled as no one allowed in centers. Apprenticeship students are still working.

South GA: David: Have few internships. Sorting through to identify hours. Appears most are completing as part of their job or apprenticeships. Not anticipating huge problem.

Southeastern: Teresa: Internships – limited number. Continue teaching online courses over their identified spring break.

Southern Crescent: Steve: Internships – still working in most. ECCE still uncertain what to do with that group.

Southern Regional: Ron: No questions. Internships – still working in industry. For others, looking at how many hours have been completed. In process .

West GA: Kristen: Working on internships with individual basis. Also, those who are working in their field, have they met competencies. Other- looking at diagnostic for gateway English and math.

Wiregrass: Shawn/DeAnnia: move internships to the end of the term. In a holding pattern until they have more clarity. ECCE – some school systems putting out virtual lessons. Some students will be helping with that.

9. Other

PN conversation with Jim Cleghorn, GBON, Friday at 9:00 am.

Joe Dan Banker, GACATT testing has been suspended. German Testing. Possibly restarting in the summer. He will forward the email to appropriate colleges.