

VPAA WebEx Meeting
June 10, 2020
3:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements: Kathryn welcomed everyone to the meeting and she gave special thanks to Annelise Berger for facilitating the webex today as Robert was on leave. Kathryn stated that she and other senior staff were back in the office some this week and that other staff would do a slow return starting next week. Lastly, Kathryn announced that there would be a roundtable discussion with some SACSCOC VPs on Thursday from 12:30 to 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in if their schedule allows.

Fall Term Planning (Gwinnett) – Rebecca Alexander stated that their fall plan was built around flexibility and social distancing. The college in fact had just started fall registration the day before. 58% of course offerings were going to be fully online or hybrid. The general education and business courses work especially well in these formats. Lab hours will be focused on being on campus in the other program areas. Hybrid classes will likely be split with one day on-line and the other in a classroom on campus to keep groups small. Some course sections will move to evenings, Fridays, and even Saturdays to keep the student population spread out. The flipped classroom model will be used in some instances as well. Large groups such as in nursing will have classroom instruction in large auditoriums. Lastly, the college plan calls for all instruction ready to roll on-line at any point if another COVID wave hits. Caroline asked if there were any special Banner input for the split courses and Rebecca said no. As well the fall asynchronous on-line instruction will not have day or time slots showing. Before closing this topic Kathryn added that the Commissioner had asked presidents earlier in the day to submit fall plans to the TCSG senior staff.

Limited Labs – Joe Dan Banker stated that dental and cosmetology guidelines are being worked on right now to standardize. Some colleges did get permission in dental to bring live people into the labs. These people however are related to the students working in the lab and that was why they were approved. Other programs use mannequins and cosmetology only allows for mannequins at this time. Joe Dan also stated that clinical waiver paperwork really belongs to the clinical site and not the college but he and Josh are going to work on a waiver from the TCSG side soon. Any VP interested in assisting should just email Joe Dan directly.

ACCUPLACER – Derek stated that he had sent a note to the presidents earlier regarding whether the test would be brought back or suspended even further? About half the colleges wanted flexibility while the others wanted it back. Derek reminded everyone that this would be a local decision and that definitely the alternative measures are still an option.

GALILEO – Kathryn discussed the cuts to the GALILEO contract for FY 2021. For the two data sets that are being lost Kathryn showed the opt-in pricing models. Each VP could discuss local purchases based on this chart with their librarians as each college has different usage needs. Kathryn also reminded the group that Perkins funds could be used for these contracts if grant funds are available.

HOPE Career Grant – Kathryn explained that each year the updates to the HCG listing must be coordinated with OPB. The last 2 cycles they have had a lot of questions. This year some programs must be removed before others can be added. Kathryn showed a file of proposed programs to remove and asked if there were concerns. There appeared to be none but everyone was given until the end of the week to provide feedback. Kathryn also asked everyone to look at the existing majors on the list to see if one of these could be used instead of trying to add something new.

As there were no other topics or concerns, the Webex adjourned at 3:40 pm