

VPAA WebEx meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

Welcome- Dr. Kathryn Hornsby

- DeAnnia Clements is the new VPAA from Wiregrass.
- Thank you for the academic calendar submissions. Hoping to conclude that task this week.
- Ventilators were discussed during the presidents meeting. Some colleges loaned ventilators to GEMA and were advised not to purchase new ones because loaned ventilators would be returned in time for fall term. However, if your college needs ventilators purchased, Penny Haberly needs to know since they will probably not be returned yet.

1. GVTC Update- Robert Keown/Pam Warren

- OER cohort has started. Robert reviewed the colleges which have faculty
- GVTC has started new summer series training focusing on best practices.
- Green zone training is also available. Robert will provide link in chat box.

2. Health program hour requirements – Saundra King/Sasha Kahiga

Some of our health care programs show more required hours in KMS than the accrediting bodies require. Colleges still have the flexibility to require students to complete regional/state/national accrediting agency program hours. This issue will be reviewed with IFCC groups when we are able to meet.

3. Topics: Faculty, Masks, and Live Work- Joe Dan Banker/Josh McKoon

Addressed the memo from Commissioner Dozier sent mid-June. Updated memo with revised guidelines will be released shortly.

- Currently, in some lab courses (such as Dental) students were allowed to bring in people with whom they were already cohabiting with or in close contact. He will be sending an update with the following:
- The preference is to continue to use this for close contact live work. However, if this is not possible, the commissioner will allow for others to come in.
- Live work with little to no close contact, such as working in an auto shop environment. The commissioner will allow.
- Regarding wearing masks – specifically asking for masks to be worn in close contact environments like a classroom or lab in which social distancing is not an option. Otherwise, masks will be highly encouraged.
- Amy Holloway – faculty are allowed to set safety standards for their classrooms as some are health compromised. Requirement to wear a mask must be included in the syllabus. Per Josh, each college will take their own stance on what, and how these classroom circumstances will be handled.
- Per Josh, the situation continues to be fluid. There is flexibility for each college to handle individual circumstances.
- Best Practices for return to school; reporting and monitoring of student illness.
 - Mindy Glander: Use a QR code. As student enters classroom or lab, scan the QR code with their phones, answer questions, then they can enter the classroom. This allows for tracking of students. Should students then report illness, tracing can happen very quickly.

- Rebecca Alexander: College has POC. Illness is reported to that person who documents and processes. Training provided for faculty and staff also by same person.
- Robert Keown read article, shared suggested seating charts and attendance taking.
- Latest return to school guidelines? Josh – expects to receive guidance from local, state, and national public health agencies next week. Stressed again that we continue to be in a fluid situation.
- Jason: Chattahoochee Tech has students who need to be accepted into seats/places in cohort groups. How to handle waiver? College can revise the waiver as needed. Per Legislature (Immunity Bill) – unless there is gross negligence, your college is released from liability. Purpose of waiver was to provide college additional coverage for legal liability. College can still alter the waiver. Should you choose to no longer use the waiver, then please contact his office first. The college can determine how to handle dual enrollment students.
- If anyone has further questions, please contact Josh.

4. Other Questions- All

- Fall enrollment impacts? Some colleges are reporting fall enrollment applications decrease.
- Have clinical sites reopened? Colleges reported yes, Savannah reported no. Others reported possibly reopen in January. Savannah – more success in working one-on-one with specific offices. Hospitals, other large sites are not opening.

Adjourned at 3:52