

Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee Meeting (IFCC)

MINUTES

1/23/14

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CONFERENCE CALL

PROGRAM	Banking & Finance
FACILITATOR	Karen Howard
SECRETARY	Ramona Pollard
ATTENDEES	Walt Moore, Wiregrass Natalie Waddell, Central Georgia Christina Epps, Central Georgia Ramona Pollard, Georgia Piedmont Karen Howard, TCSG

Agenda Topics

WELCOME		EVERYONE	
DISCUSSION	Only three colleges offer the BAFN program so a phone conference was the method selected for holding the semi-annual IFCC meeting. The call originated from Georgia Piedmont. Since there was not a state officer for the IFCC, Howard called the meeting to order.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

TCSG UPDATES		HOWARD	
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Howard provided information on the Georgia Department of Education's career pathway initiative. The first of three courses in each pathway is being taught in high schools this year. The newly developed second and third classes in the pathways are in the final stage of public review and will be launched next fall. Instructors were reminded that methods used to evaluate (and fund) TCSG colleges are being reviewed. In the past, enrollment was a key criteria. In the future, retention, awards, and placements will also be critical. A task force was created by the Governor last year to explore restructuring academic programs. One focus has been the length of programs to ensure that students can complete degrees in two-year period. Instructors were encouraged to explore embedded certificates for programs they already offer. In academic year 2013, 35 BAFN awards were given by TCSG colleges. They were: 5 diplomas, 14 degrees, 13 BA11 certificates, and 3 FAI1 certificates. In the prior academic year, 23 awards were given. The total awards in each academic year include some duplicates since a student can earn more than one award in a single year. 		
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ENROLLMENT

EVERYONE

DISCUSSION	<p>Pollard (Georgia Piedmont) informed the group that she is focused on increasing enrollment. Her BAFN program has been identified as a STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) program and she is working with the college's STEM Director to increase program and career awareness. Efforts include visibility on the college's website and a planned workshop led by industry leaders on finance-related careers.</p> <p>All the instructors indicated that they recruit students from other programs such as the accounting program. They also encourage students from other business programs to select BAFN courses as electives.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
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PARTNERSHIPS W/ BUSINESSES

EVERYONE

DISCUSSION	<p>Pollard is creating partnerships with local organizations such as the Georgia United Credit Union. Waddell (Central Georgia) indicated that her college has reached out to local banks; however, their response has been minimal. Moore (Wiregrass) stated that he has more success with engaging local banks (as opposed to national ones). One example of local cooperation is placing interns in those banks. Pollard explained that her strategy to gain cooperation from banks and other financial institutions is to present the BAFN program as an extension of their employee training efforts.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
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TEXTBOOKS

MOORE

DISCUSSION	<p>The primary textbook that instructors are using for BAFN 1105 is "Today's Teller".</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
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ELECTIONS

DISCUSSION	Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair were held. The new officers will serve two-year terms and begin immediately.		
CONCLUSIONS	Ramona Pollard was elected State Chair. Walt Moore was elected State Vice-Chair		
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NEXT IFCC MEETING

POLLARD

DISCUSSION	A meeting in the fall was discussed.		
CONCLUSIONS	The next IFCC meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014. It will be a conference call.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

COMMENTS / SPECIAL NOTES RESOURCE PERSONS SPECIAL NOTES			
MEETING ADJOURNED	January 23, 2014 3:15 pm		
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Ramona Pollard		