

LETA IFCC Consortium Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2015

Location: Central Georgia Technical College

Macon, GA

- Attendees;

Joe Dan Banker, Executive Director, Academic Affairs, TCSG

Elaine Williams, Curriculum Program Specialist, TCSG

Dr. Ken Boyd, VPAA, Savannah State College

Dan Fogerty, Academy Director, Savannah Technical College

Eric Snowberger, Academy Director, Augusta Technical College

Beverly Thomas, PSS Division Chair, Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Major Harry C McCann, Jr., Academy Director, Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Vanessa Wall, Dean, South Georgia Technical College

Jim Mitchell, Academy Director, Ogeechee Technical College

Johnathon Parker, Lead Instructor, North Georgia Technical College

- Elaine Williams-Introduction/Welcome

Welcome to the group.

She explained how we are now officially our own IFCC group and will no longer be under the criminal justice IFCC. Due to the similarities of the program it would be a good idea for us to continue to attend the IFCC meetings.

She explained how we need to nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the group. She gave an overview of IFCC rules concerning meetings, officer duties, and other guidelines.

Then she reviewed the new TCSG website and showed us specific areas concerning consortium matters and then academic affairs.

- Joe Dan Baker-Testing, POST, GPSTC, Misc.

ACCUPLACER exam; ACT will no longer be giving the COMPASS exam as of fall 2016. TCSG is adopting the ACCUPLACER as its official testing mechanism. TCSG will provide training on the testing in late January. Colleges can implement any time after that. ACCUPLACER must be implemented by fall 2016. COMPASS will no longer be available. Cut scores are being discussed.

He has discussed this with Executive Director Vance at POST and they are aware. They have stated they will adopt it as their official test as well. It was mentioned that we need to make sure that they indicate when changing rules that COMPASS scores will be valid and accepted until the 5 year score expiration has passed. Harry suggested that they take any opportunity they can to get POST to implement math statewide in their testing requirements.

Beverly mentioned how there needs to be a way for us to record how many exams are given statewide for POST through the colleges. No one seems to be keeping track. GPTC needs it for their CALEA accreditation.

Academy relationships and meetings; he discussed that he met with Executive Director Vance and Director Chris Wiggington concerning academy relationships and working together. He discussed that TCSG, GPSTC and POST all want to have a smooth working relationship and that he knows we do as well. We all indicated that we are in agreement on that issue. Several stated that overall we have a great relationship with POST and that we work together well. We are all receptive to gaining a better working relationship with GPSTC. We are ALL in favor of a statewide Academy Director meetings.

We discussed entry, graduation, and placement rates. Several noted that their listed numbers in KMS were lower than actual numbers.

- Elaine Williams- LETA 1010

Elaine discussed how there is a second LETA 1010 in KMS that is “open” and hasn’t been locked and accepted as official curriculum. Beverly reviewed and found the change. Terms concerning mental retardation had been updated by POST in the past. The change was accepted and the course was locked and is now considered official.

- Elaine Williams- LETA 1016

We discussed the changes that had been made by Dr. Lisa Beck prior to Elaine taking over the LETA curriculum. The changes had never been officially completed in KMS. Even though all academies have been using the correct curriculum (POST number changes mostly). All agreed to accept the changes. Elaine will make the changes in KMS and then lock and send out for our approval.

- Beverly Thomas- All other LETA courses

It was discussed that POST had changed the POI (points of instruction) curriculum guidebook around and that changed some POST section numbers. Those changes need to be updated in KMS. Almost all courses need to be “touched” and reconciled. It was agreed by the group that Beverly and Harry will make the changes for Elaine in a document and send them to her. She will then update KMS and send the courses out to the group for their approval.

- Dr. Boyd- PLA credit for POST

The question was asked by Dr. Boyd if any of our CRJU programs give credit for POST credit. Beverly with GPTC stated that they give credit by examination for four of the CRJU courses; 1010, 1040, 1062, and 2050. A discussion was held about PLA

- Elections/Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Harry McCann was nominated for Chair and the group elected him to that position. Eric Snowberger was then elected to Vice Chair.

- Eric Snowberger- Intermediate and Advanced Class Lesson Plans

Eric stated he is creating lesson plans for 11 of the classes needed for intermediate and advanced classes and will share them if we would like to have them.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.