

VPAA WebEx Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Meeting Schedule- Dr. Kathryn Hornsby

- Decision made to move the full group meeting to once per month. The next meeting would be Feb. 10.
- There will be a need to virtually meet to discuss upcoming issues. Issues will be communicated and discussed with VPAA Peer Group prior to discussion with presidents.
- January 27 @ 3:00 p.m. will be an eCampus meeting. Kathryn will change the Outlook invite to reflect this change.

2. COVID Safety Open Discussion- Dr. Amy Holloway

- Challenges still exist, but Limited Lab process still in place.
- Steve Pearce (Southern Crescent) shared.
- Quickly being used.
- Some colleges have altered calendars.
- Some courses which were scheduled to be taught face to face, may now need to be moved to online.
- Clinical placement continues to be a challenge. With COVID surge, some partners have halted clinicals. Possibility that spring break may need to be altered or eliminated.
- If colleges alter spring break, please send information to Kathryn.

3. COVID Vaccinations Update- Dr. Lisa Beck

- Public Health is in charge of vaccine allocation due to legal authority through CDC. Decentralized agency. Regional districts have the “boots on the ground” authority to dispense.
- Over 1,500 providers have been designated as vaccine provider. Most have not had vaccine to dispense.
- GRITS is used as the GA database for dispensation of vaccine.
- Supply of vaccine varies across the state.
- Suggested the best way to get vaccines for students in clinicals is to go through the organizations at which the clinical is being held.
- Will school systems and our colleges receive an allotment of vaccines that can be administered? Per Lisa – down the road when supply increases, it will be a possibility, but not currently unless they have already been approved as a provider.
- Should required vaccinations be included in closed program admission requirements for fall?
- Per Lisa – this will depend on clinical settings. Suggests that colleges go to health care organizations that provide clinicals to determine if vaccines will be needed. It is too early at present time to determine.

4. PROBE Update- Saundra King and Sasha Kahiga

- CNA – 6 colleges have voted. Jan. 25 last day to vote. Reminded everyone that it is an optional, shorter program. Dr. Perrin will share voting results with presidents on 1/27.
- Medical Assisting - PROBE released today and uploaded on Academic Affairs web page. Discussed changes which impact the program. Credit hours remain the same for the diploma and degree program. Feb. 3 voting deadline. Letter of change notification will need to be submitted to MAERB by end of February.

5. Reviewing and Voting on the PROBE- Steve Conway

Steve reviewed the PROBE process. Walked through KMS process via screen share.

6. Apprenticeship Update- Holly Free

- Data being reviewed and compared between Banner and Workforce. There continues to be some discrepancies. One cause could be due to economic development's non-use of Banner. Critical that we provide accurate numbers of apprentices. Alex Brown is sending emails to colleges asking that colleges send names of apprentices to Alex.
- Received ACE grant last year. Doodle poll will be sent early in Feb. to determine a training date. VPAA's can notify Holly if they would like to participate. She will ensure that an invite is sent.

7. Trade Talks virtual session for parents – Sandra King

- Individuals with the construction industry will be hosting a virtual session aimed at providing parents with information on Feb. 16 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Colleges have an opportunity to participate in virtual break-out sessions. If interested, please send contact information to Sandra by Friday morning.

8. HB801 STEM Update- Dr. Kathryn Hornsby

- Will be sending a spreadsheet to the colleges of which VPAA's will need to review. All courses should be transferrable.
- Kathryn received further clarification regarding transferability of courses. Depending on individual articulation agreements between colleges, We can "count" block credit.

9. GVTC update – Robert Keown

Blackboard hosting environment will be moving to Software As A Service (SAAS). As plan is developed, will be shared with the colleges.

10. eCampus Update- Dr. Kathryn Hornsby and Robert Keown

- Reviewed summer calendar. Discussed how colleges have been paired based on similarity.
- Per Dr. Perren, tuition sharing will be discussed with the presidents. Whatever the percentage is will be agreed upon by the presidents.

11. Volunteers for VPAA co-chairs – Amy Holloway

Individuals interested in co-chairing this group should contact Kathryn.

Adjourned at 4:29 p.m.