

## VPAA Peer Group Meeting via Webex

January 19, 2022 Minutes

**Welcome and Announcements** – Dr. Hornsby welcomed everyone to the webex and said she appreciated everybody giving some time today despite the very hectic start of spring term. Kathryn stated that the eCampus Advisory members had been emailed about the calendar and she asked for votes as soon as possible. Kathryn stated that TCSG Leadership/GOAL/RP events are planned to be in person in Buckhead in April. As such we will plan to have an in person peer group meeting during that event. Please send any potential discussion topics to Rebecca and or David to compile. Kathryn then introduced the new CPS for Cyber and Related programs, Ms. Oenia Odums. Kathryn closed announcements by stating that Ian Feinberg was now retired from TCSG. Kathryn will cover any GFA related questions or issues for the immediate future.

**Industry 4.0 Overview** – The Wiregrass team led by program director Joe Sumner gave a general description and development overview of this new program they created and had the state board approved this fall. The title refers to the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution which is now occurring. This revolution is not about one technology but rather many. Data driven automation is at the heart. The NSF put out grant monies last year for colleges to develop such a training program and Wiregrass may be the first or among the very first to do so. The program is a really good extension of mechatronics training. Wiregrass has the opportunity to train other faculty around the system up to 40 hours probably sometime this summer. Colleges that are interested in learning more or even offering this program should check with local manufacturers to see about their interest in this type program locally. General questions were then answered by the Wiregrass team.

**Clinical Site Discussion** – The group stated that it is still challenging to place students currently in clinical settings. Vaccination status can be an issue with both students and faculty members. When it comes to a facility asking a college to provide waivers, Dr. Perren stated that colleges do not have to do that. TCSG colleges are not under a mandate to require vaccinations of students or staff. However the Supreme Court upheld recently the provision that healthcare facilities and workers need to be vaccinating or testing personnel. If a college employee spends significant work hours at a health facility requiring vaccinations then they should abide by that requirement. If they chose not to do so repercussions are allowable. The consequences are on the individual and not the college. Dr. Perren closed by stating these topics would be discussed in detail at the Presidents' Council meeting next week and that Josh McKoon was also drafting some documents to clarify these topics and stances.

**Articulations Spreadsheet** – Annelise Berger shared a document showing various articulations by college. So far 5 colleges had reviewed it and responded. There were indications in these initial reviews that a new version should be made. So Annelise will send out the new version she was showing later on after the meeting and all colleges should give it one more good thorough read by next week. Annelise then quickly showed how to use the filters in the spreadsheet and how to make edits.

**Manufacturing Probes Updates** – Steve Conway stated that the Machine Tool/Precision Manufacturing diploma probes were about complete. 16 colleges offer one or both diplomas and all agreed to the change in elective hours from 6 down to 3. The probe was reviewed by the Presidents' Curriculum

Committee today and will now go to the full PC next week for final review. If successful these program revisions will go to the State Board in March for final approval.

**GVTC Updates** – Robert Keown stated that Adult Education online courses are up and running now. Economic Development is developing some online courses. Workforce Development is now doing some professional development training. Pam Warren and her team handled 16 migrations since November. The GVTC team and the colleges were doing a lot of work over the Christmas break and the results are great. GVTC is now looking at some new and better options for storage for faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm